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C-493	1/2/66	NATIONAL GUARDIAN ARTICLE	1	1		
C-494	1/9/66	NATIONAL GUARDIAN ARTICLE	1	1		
C-495	1/16/66	NATIONAL GUARDIAN ARTICLE	1	1		
C-496	1/16/66	NATIONAL GUARDIAN ARTICLE	1	1		
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C-376	8/21/61	NATIONAL GUARDIAN ARTICLE	1	1		
C-447	10/2/61	NATIONAL GUARDIAN ARTICLE	1	1		
C-4517	10/9/61	NATIONAL GUARDIAN ARTICLE	2	2		
C-517	10/9/61	NATIONAL GUARDIAN ARTICLE	1	1		
C-520	10/16/61	NATIONAL GUARDIAN ARTICLE	1	1		
C-521	10/11/61	NATIONAL GUARDIAN ARTICLE	1	1		
C-522	10/23/61	NATIONAL GUARDIAN ARTICLE	1	1		
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C-529	1/16/66	NATIONAL GUARDIAN ARTICLE	2	2		
C-530	1/25/66	NATIONAL GUARDIAN ARTICLE	1	1		
C-531	1/22/66	NATIONAL GUARDIAN ARTICLE	1	1		
C-532	1/19/66	NATIONAL GUARDIAN ARTICLE	1	1		
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C-541	3/21/62	NATIONAL GUARDIAN ARTICLE	1	1		
C-542	3/26/62	NATIONAL GUARDIAN ARTICLE	1	1		
C-543	3/26/62	NATIONAL GUARDIAN ARTICLE	1	1		
C-544	4/2/62	NATIONAL GUARDIAN ARTICLE	1	1		
C-545	4/2/62	NATIONAL GUARDIAN ARTICLE	2	2		
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C-552	7/30/62	NATIONAL GUARDIAN ARTICLE	1	1		
C-553	9/10/62	NATIONAL GUARDIAN ARTICLE	2	2		
C-554	9/17/62	NATIONAL GUARDIAN ARTICLE	1	1		
C-555	9/24/62	NATIONAL GUARDIAN ARTICLE	1	1		
C-556	9/24/62	NATIONAL GUARDIAN ARTICLE	2	1		
C-557	9/24/62	NATIONAL GUARDIAN ARTICLE	1	1		
C-558	11/1/62	NATIONAL GUARDIAN ARTICLE	1	1		
C-559	10/8/62	NATIONAL GUARDIAN ARTICLE	2	2		
C-560	10/15/62	NATIONAL GUARDIAN ARTICLE	1	1		
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C-563	1/22/62	NATIONAL GUARDIAN ARTICLE	1	1	
C-564	1/29/62	NATIONAL GUARDIAN ARTICLE	1	1	
C-565	2/13/62	NATIONAL GUARDIAN ARTICLE	2	2	
C-566	1/3/63	NATIONAL GUARDIAN ARTICLE	1	1	
C-567	1/3/63	NATIONAL GUARDIAN ARTICLE	1	1	
C-568	1/17/63	NATIONAL GUARDIAN ARTICLE	1	1	
C-569	2/7/63	NATIONAL GUARDIAN ARTICLE	1	1	
C-570	2/14/63	NATIONAL GUARDIAN ARTICLE	1	1	
C-571	2/14/63	NATIONAL GUARDIAN ARTICLE	1	1	
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C-576	2/21/63	NATIONAL GUARDIAN ARTICLE	2	2	
C-577	2/21/63	NATIONAL GUARDIAN ARTICLE	1	1	
C-578	3/7/63	NATIONAL GUARDIAN ARTICLE	1	1	
C-579	3/7/63	NATIONAL GUARDIAN ARTICLE	1	1	
C-580	3/21/63	NATIONAL GUARDIAN ARTICLE	1	1	
C-581	3/28/63	NATIONAL GUARDIAN ARTICLE	1	1	
C-582	4/4/63	NATIONAL GUARDIAN ARTICLE	1	1	
C-583	4/4/63	NATIONAL GUARDIAN ARTICLE	1	1	
C-584	3/28/63	NATIONAL GUARDIAN ARTICLE	1	1	
C-585	4/11/63	NATIONAL GUARDIAN ARTICLE	1	1	

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C-592	5-9-63	NATIONAL GUARDIAN ARTICLE	1	1		
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C-594	5-5-63	NATIONAL GUARDIAN ARTICLE	1	1		
C-595	5-9-63	NATIONAL GUARDIAN ARTICLE	1	1		
C-596	5-16-63	NATIONAL GUARDIAN ARTICLE	1	1		
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C-600	5-16-63	NATIONAL GUARDIAN ARTICLE	1	1		
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C-612	6-27-63	NATIONAL GUARDIAN ARTICLE	1	1		
C-613	8-15-63	NATIONAL GUARDIAN ARTICLE	1	1		
C-614	8-12-63	NATIONAL GUARDIAN ARTICLE	1	1		
C-615	10-17-63	NATIONAL GUARDIAN ARTICLE	1	1		
C-616	11-14-63	NATIONAL GUARDIAN ARTICLE	1	1		
C-617	12-5-63	NATIONAL GUARDIAN ARTICLE	1	1		
C-618	10-26-63	NATIONAL GUARDIAN ARTICLE	1	1		
C-619	11-6-64	NATIONAL GUARDIAN ARTICLE	1	1		
C-620	1-30-64	NATIONAL GUARDIAN ARTICLE	2	2		
C-621	1-31-64	NATIONAL GUARDIAN ARTICLE	2	2		

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ACTION WEEKEND IN THE CAPITAL: NOV. 19-21

Washington convocation to seek Sobell freedom

A NATIONAL CONVOCATION for freedom for Morton Sobell, will be held at the Shoreham Hotel in Washington on the Nov. 19-21 weekend. Provinent citizens of varying political viewpoints joined to ask President "whatever it takes" to commute Sobell's sentence during the traditional Christmas American season.

An appeal to the President for clemency came from the National Committee with over 100 signatures. The Hon. George Van Arsdale, Rep. of Calif., and Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., delivered a joint statement. A candlelight vigil and a silent, standing prayer at the White House will be held, Nov. 20. The next day, delegations will visit government officials to urge

action on Sobell's behalf.

On Saturday afternoon, Prof. Thomas L. Emerson of the Yale Law School will lead a panel discussion on "Facts and Issues in the Sobell Case." Labor attorney George Van Arsdale will be chairman at a banquet on Saturday evening. Other speakers include: Rabbi Jacob J. Weintraub, national chairman of the Committee for Labor Israel; Harold Crandall, general counsel of the AFL-CIO Auto Workers; Rev. John Paul Jones; Louis Chalmers of the American Friends Service Committee, and Mrs. Helen Sobell, Morton's wife. Admission is \$10 per plate.

THE SPONSORS: Sponsors of the con-

vocation include: Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr and Dr. John C. Bennett of the Union Theological Seminary; Roger Baldwin, chairman of the Int'l League for the Rights of Man; Norman Thomas; Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.; Dr. Harold C. Urey, Nobel laureate; Dr. William C. Davidow, vice chairman of the Fedn. of American Scientists; Rev. John Haynes Holmes; Rev. G. Shubert Frye; Rev. William E. Basom; Rabbi Julian Brickner; Prof. Gardner Murphy; Dr. Markus Barth; Rabbi Morris Adler, and Rev. Dr. Howard Schomer.

Chartered buses will leave New York City on Nov. 19 at 10:30 a.m. Round-trip

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fare is \$12.50. Reservations for bus seats and information on the week end may be obtained from the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, 940 Broadway, New York 10; phone AL 4-9983. Other Sobell Committees include:

Los Angeles: 462 N. Western Ave.
San Francisco: 345 Franklin St.
Chicago: 208 N. Wells St.
St. Paul: 715 S. Lexington Pkwy.
Syracuse: 1009 Cumberland
Philadelphia: 2407 W. Sterner
Milwaukee: 914 N. Plankinton
Seattle: 317 2nd and Cherry Bldg.

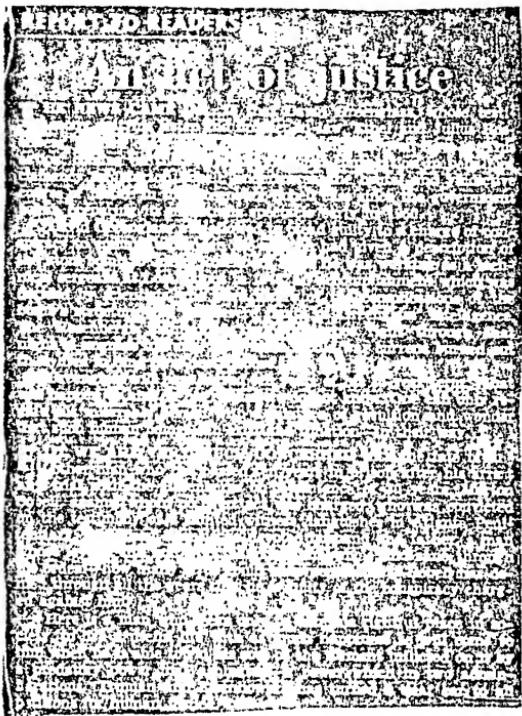
Support for Sobell has broadened in the past year to include groups and individuals of widely divergent political views. The Central Conference of American Rabbis and the California Democratic Council last year urged a review of the case.

"SLENDER IN PROOF": An independent study by a group including Dr. Niebuhr and Prof. Edmund Cahn of New York University concluded that the case against Sobell was "vague in content and slender in proof." The appeal by clergymen to be presented to President

Eisenhower states:

"Wherever human beings are involved in matters of judgment and justice, there does exist the possibility of human error. Most particularly, when a trial reflects the national tensions of the day, the verdict may suffer from prejudice or unreason, too difficult to dismiss. Every American who thinks about his own freedoms cannot help but concern himself when the question of this kind of an injustice is raised.

"It is impressive, therefore, that throughout his imprisonment, Morton Sobell has proclaimed his innocence. Moreover, 30 years is a lifetime sentence that the mother, wife and children of Morton Sobell share with him. It is the quality of mercy that insists that we, who feel the conscience of the United States as a particular responsibility, address you, Mr. President, to ask that you use your great office to urge a new trial for Morton Sobell, or grant him clemency by commutation of his sentence."



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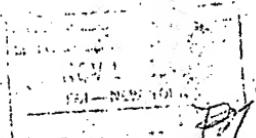
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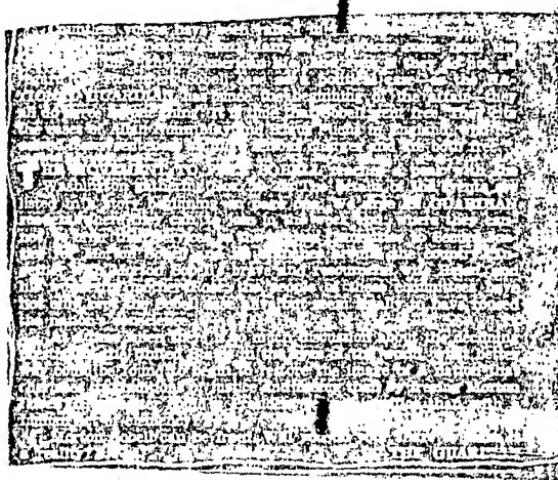
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DR. LINUS PAULING insist that he is an "intensely practical person." He told an overflow SANB meeting in New York on Oct. 24: "I pitch on only problems to work on that I can solve." Away from the meeting, he has planned out these problems: the Pentagon's insistence that nuclear weapons are a force for peace; Dr. Edward Teller's estimate that nuclear fallout does not constitute a serious hazard; and, more recently, the Senate Internal Security subcommittee's witch hunt against the peace movement.

Referring to the elected spokesman for scientists without a ballot, Pauling said, "I now, I pitch along with many others."

The meeting was to celebrate United Nations Day but actually it was a testimonial to Pauling. With scant advance publicity, New Yorkers flocked to the meeting. Some 2,500 filled the Hotel Commodore's main ballroom, 300 overlewed to an auxiliary hall where a long table was set up, and hundreds more were turned away.

Of his appearance before Sen. Dodd of the subcommittee, Pauling said forthrightly that he looked forward to going to the Senate, where the men and women are searching for truth. But he found that the subcommittee was looking for names, not facts. Much, of course, he could not supply. The trip to Washington was not fully wasted, however. "I have had the opportunity "to have it on the record" that I wrote to President Truman in 1950 that the execution of the Rosenbergs"

"The fight for peace," he said, "cannot be carried on independently of the fight for freedom. I have decided that the Senate Internal Security subcommittee is a disgrace to the Senate and the American people. I think it ought to be abolished. And that goes for the House Un-American Activities Committee, too."

Before his speech, Pauling was presented with a petition signed by 1,664 New York college students applauding his stand before the subcommittee. The students summed up the feeling that the nation could be more "practical" now. *Pauling*

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AN INNOCENT MAN HAS BEEN
IMPRISONED 25 YEARS
TOUR GROUPS WILL HELP FREE
WRITE PHOENIX COUNCIL FOR MORONI SUPPORT
401 BROADWAY, D. C. 20004, AT 420-1234

GENERAL

AN INNOCENT MAN HAS BEEN
IMPRISONED FOR 20 YEARS!
Your voice will help free
Walter, photo below, for Morton Sosman,
425 Broad St., R. 1, G. 1, A. 4, P. 12.

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GENERAL

AN INNOCENT MAN HAS BEEN
DEPRIVED OF 354 DAYS OF
LIBERTY AND HELP. PLEASE
WRITE TO YOUR CONGRESSMAN OR
SENATOR IN ALBANY, N.Y. OR
AT THE ALABAMA STATE CAPITOL,
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1,200 CLERGYMEN IN PETITION

Washington meeting
to free School asks
"Freedom, Right side"

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The Film 250 persons came to a
"Top Notch
Western" conference
on Dec. 19-20 at Hotel Sherman, Wash-
ington, D. C., called for a "Chris-
tmas Message" from the national conference
on March 11, 1940. This message was
submitted to the Committee to Secure
Justice for Martin S. S.

Aspects of the trial in which he was a defendant. He also seems to have been a change of course, reflected in the trial, in the same order, although by the conclusion of the trial, Paul Johnson, Missouri Baptist Chairman of the American Friends Service Committee, wrote Dr. C. H. Nelson, Nelson C. Paine of Pasadena, California Church, Washington Street, to have professor of law at Northwestern University, Chicago, and Dr. T. C. L. Ferguson, professor of law at the University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado, present a U.S. Petition, At-Parley Royal Court, in an attempt to extradite to the United States, and in 1921, Dr. George C. Parker, his trial for mail or communication of his sentence.

A TIME OF MYSTERY. At a press conference on "hot" and "cool" in the race situation, Ray Strode, Emerson Emerson, president of the production division of the studio, and the studio's legal counsel, "unveiled the mystery and the source of the title, though a general warning of the perils of revealing trade secrets." Pointing out that he had been called at the time of the House Committee on Un-American Activities' infamous hearing on Hollywood, Emerson said that the time was merely a period

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for early consideration or reflective judgment. It was, after all, a period of "a record in peace and impunity" action." Entwistle was critical of four aspects of the case: (1) The "illegal and outrageous" induction of Morton Sobell from Mexico where he was "recruiting with the family"; (2) Evidence used against Sobell which was "weak, dubious, and at some respects on the incredible side"; (3) The indictment of Sobell came with only 10 days and that those 10 days and the trial itself were "a violation of a fundamental principle of justice" in which evidence was introduced without the introduction of any evidence of atomic espionage in his trial; (4) The severity of the sentence.

Entwistle said the confinement of Sobell in Alcatraz, the prison for so-called "high risk" criminals, is "not only vindictive and vicious. He said: "He and a half year in Alcatraz is enough penalty for an error, or an inadvertent, regardless of the gravity. Instead of sending him to Alcatraz, he should have been released."

AN INJURED NATION: At a banquet Nov. 19, Rev. John Stott, a national board member of the American Civil Liberties Union, said: "The honor and integrity of the United States have been injured. Let us do what we can to mitigate the injury. Let Sobell be pardoned or, at the very least, let his sentence be commuted to the time already served."

Chairman of the Civil Liberties Committee said, "During these 10 years of imprisonment of Morton Sobell there have been rising doubts concerning the evidence on which he was convicted . . . If there is as much doubt as this that injustice has been done, combined with the consistent claim of innocence, on society must face the need for searching review and commutation or sentence."

A LESSON LEARNED: Mrs. Morton Sobell said that conference participants had come "in the spirit of love for our country and its fine traditions and ideals. We are concerned with human dignity and the worth of the individual. Throughout these last 10½ years on my family, Morton, his mother, my husband and I have learned the



The haunted man

THIS was David Greenglass as he was released from prison on Nov. 17 after having served ten years of a 15-year sentence. Heckled by longshoremen when he left the Federal House of Detention on New York's waterfront, one yelled: "You sent your sister to the chair"; he was told by attorney O. John Reavis to "Get Generation for a reduced, with his wife and two children, and Gasparini will tortured, withdrawn home—to live a haunted life.

lesson of America, that a free people concerns itself with a cry of injustice."

An hour-long prayer vigil Nov. 20 at the White House, climaxing the Freedom Weekend, was led by Helen and Rose Sobell and five clergymen. While 250 of the conference participants marched in silent prayer at one White House entrance, a dozen khaki-clad Nazis wearing red and black swastika armbands marched in evidence at another entrance bearing signs which read: "The Gas Chamber for Jew Spies," "Keep the Jew

trial of Morton Sobell in jail." The two groups of demonstrators were separated by a large contingent of police who ranged along the edges of the sit-in walk warily examining passers-by and urging them to move on.

On Nov. 24, four ministers accompanied by Rev. and Helen Sobell presented a petition to President Johnson asking him to commute the sentence of Morton Sobell. The petition, asking Presidential clemency, would be brought to the President's attention, Rev. Fox said, and a copy would be forwarded to the Attorney General. The four ministers were Rev. Dr. James C. McHugh of Boston, Rev. Dr. John H. Johnson of Atlanta, Rev. Lloyd M. Oldham of Cleveland and Rev. Walter Jenkins of Chicago.

The same day a group, accompanied by attorney Emanuel J. Haskin, Phil discussed the case for an hour with U.S. Pardon Attorney Gehart. The delegation included Prof. Thomas L. Hirsch, Rev. Richard Cawelti of St. Paul, Rev. Samuel W. Jones of Salt Lake City, Rev. Kenneth Cook of St. Paul and Rev. Ashton Jones of Los Angeles. Cook told the ministers he was familiar with the case and the effort to secure clemency. Rev. Jones said: "I think it's an impression and not true to do little more thinking on the matter." Cook said he would have a report to the Attorney General. He said it is his job to make recommendation to the Attorney General who would in turn make a recommendation to the President. Interested persons can write Cook at 131 Indiana Ave., Washington, D.C.

THE AGONIZING SON: At a press conference Nov. 21, Mrs. Rev. Sobell, 50, spoke and wept bitterly, spoke of her last visit to her son in Atlantic penitentiary: "I came away thinking how come I have such a wonderful son." Mrs. Sobell and Helen Sobell had just returned from an unsuccessful attempt to see Mrs. Eisenhower. Both Sobell said she was "immensely heartened by the very fine response to the appeal for the Washington walk, and the presence of so many people from different areas of interest especially the full participation of the Negro." Rev. Sobell was scheduled to visit his son in prison on Tuesday.

THE SPONSORS: Among the conference sponsors were Roger Baldwin, ACLU; Rev. John Haynes Holmes; Rev. Martin

Luther King Jr.; Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr, Union Theological Seminary; Norman Thomas; Dr. Harold C. Urey, Nobel prize winner; Prof. Malcolm Sharp, Chicago University Law School.

A statement of support was sent to the remitter by author James T. Farrell, who wrote: "In 1965, we must speak, and with all urgency. We must cry out, we must demand that no possible instance of man's inhumanity to man be tolerated. It is our duty and our honor that we spare no effort for the protection of the innocent, and that in any case of injustice the quickest possible action be taken to rectify this most terrible of sins. I ask for aid I cheap hand. I ask for aid I cheap hand. I ask for aid I cheap hand. Morton Sobell."

Rabbi Mayer J. Weinstock of Kehilat Shalom, Chicago, and national chairman of the Committee for Labor Israel, wired to remitter in steadfast in my conviction that Morton Sobell is innocent of the crimes charged against him, that refusal to free him can be an ugly stain on American justice and further proof that justice and compassion are lacking among those who hold his freedom in the keeping of their hands."

SOBELL'S MESSAGE: In a conference preceding Morton Sobell from his Atlantic prison cell wrote his wife: "I don't despair. I still hope to come out while Mark is but a child and you, my love, a young woman. This is firmly entrenched within every fiber of my living being, and nothing can eradicate it—except death. Thus I really do hope with all. Only I don't allow myself to believe this in much."

In contrast to the atmosphere which surrounded the trial more than ten years ago, widespread public support for the Sobell appeal for freedom is apparent today. In addition to the appeal by 1,200 clergymen there is support for Sobell committees in more than a dozen cities across the country. The conference was attended by people from San Francisco, Los Angeles, Seattle, St. Paul, Chicago, Boston, Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York, Syracuse and Cleveland. Press coverage has also been on a different note. The Washington Daily News (Nov. 1) headlined its conference story: "A Communing Protest: Greenhorns Free, Why Not Sobell?"

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AN INNOCENT MAN IS SENTENCED
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Rub a dub dub . . .

A NOTABLE RISE in the number of foreign films asked for mass distribution in the U.S. has set up a bitter controversy on the subject of voice dubbing versus subtitles. Some people believe that it is necessary that the language of the characters, "should at least be permitted to what they say something while they say more or less what they are saying. Others claim that written subtitles are distracting and inadequate conveyances of meaning and that the average person hears what the characters are saying, even though it is not they who supply the "voices" employing the native tongue of the audience.



For good or bad, the odds seem in favor of dubbing. Recently, a friend, Bosley Crowther, movie critic of the New York Times, made an astounding reappreciation of his former position, and this summer too, he stated in an article called "Subtitles Must Go!" He described his opposition as purists and claimed they they reflected dubbing mainly for subversive reasons: speaking Italian, German, French or English, yet to mention Japanese, they knew a croaking swain, who is bemoaning the loss of his country, who had to be content with signs of audience and a cat-cry.

Mr. CROWTHER IRITATED a good number of readers with comments by him, that he was only concerned to defend as eschew what the market seemed as profitable. They pointed out that the performer's speech is integral to his performance and that the substitution of secondary, underpaid "new" voices for those of the great French, Spanish and Soviet actors would be a smash of the first. In, so he predicted that Hollywood, with its eye to economy, would have nothing to translate the dialogue instead of talented playwrights and script writers. Where Crowther may have seen the best, they feared the worst.

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—such a work of art, which he has repeated since, estimates that 90% of Americans would refuse to attend foreign films spoken in their language. But there is no evidence that such films are limited to "the foreign" because of an actual resistance on the public's part. It is perhaps more valid to say that distributor and critic deliberately decide to, the public what it thinks and feels. (For example, rumour has it that a dubbed version of the French *Hiroshima, Mein Amour*, which Crowther has seen and now praises highly, was doctored in favor of the subtitled one, for fear that his former attitude to dubbing would prejudice its success in New York.)

Crowther makes the point that for foreign films, even in their own language, the voices are recorded by actors in a studio, while the action which was shot earlier, is run off for them. But this practice is not connected with language dubbing, which involves all kinds of difficulties: plots connected with national traditions, for instance, or with a country's

CLINCH HIS CASE. Crowther on *... a crise* that he had also seen an unedited dubbed version of Ingmar Bergman's *Wild Strawberries* (Swedish), which elicited for him a crucial question—of what was the doctor really saying?—left unanswered by a non-continuous subtitle. Actually, the ambiguity is not dispelled by what Crowther quotes of the equivalent spoken passage. But even if it were, a more adequate subtitle might have accomplished the same end.

On the other hand, people, off and on, try everything; and one shouldn't miss a few mediocre examples, such as the German *Rosemary*, in which David Erlich was most incoherent in German, unable to chose one's mind to the "techniques." (Not really first; American films have been dubbed for years in Europe—if you believe members of the *Conseil Francaise*.)

Everyone concedes it is best to speak and understand good art in speaking their own language. But as this is generally not possible and the discussion arises not out of purely esthetic considerations but out of necessity, translation is a scandal, since either one represents an inevitable compromise. But this does not mean that once the technique has been decided upon, esthetic considerations can be thrown out the window. Because people can, in effect, they should not have to stand for anything. If one translates a voice for dubbing it "as" that goes into a closed number, the foreign film will follow the path of the worst domestic product and become a take-it-or-leave-it commodity.

THE DUBBED FILM is to have any validity as a work of art, it is not, creative talent must go into those elements which belong specifically to it as went into the original version. The translator must be sensitive to every dramatic nuance and to contemporary idiom, quite apart from having the technical skill to match the spoken words with the lip movement. The "voices" should be least as a result as the original performance. (And he paid accordingly.) The director should have a grasp of the milieu of the film and the intention behind every gesture, laugh, grunt and cry of the characters. He will said: the film as a conductor does a score. And the recording should contain the same background noises as did the film with which it is synchronized.

Only when these and many other prerequisites are met is the whole business worth arguing about and only then do the working problems of dubbing begin. Otherwise, keep the subtitles!

—Charles Humboldt

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From the Mutual Savings & Trust Co.
Belen, Ohio, to the First Methodist
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The Mutual Association of Ohio and
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REPL. TO THE MEMBERS

Good Y'les to y'all

GLASS TOWN of Wausau, all wreathed in time and boy,
the hopes and fears of us all years are met in today's day. So
please be with the Hotel as soon as this "little meeting" and may they
settle all our wants, so schmooze on in Wausau. Greet them. We wish
them time to travel too, to have a "little break" to Kathmandu and
old Cathay and also Samarkand. And down the Seine from Paris
Branch they'll greet Jack like a hero. If he'd have the wife and kids
to swim at the crack of Varennes.

Here are some books we'd like from Jack, if you can for a shell and
Slack, squat every P-H and Smith Act right out the Bill of Rights
onto the map, take the heat off the foreign isles--we want that to
be nice for Christmas and if that is, Jack's not really in office yet,
there's always the gift certificate. Delivery shouldn't be much of a
job--just pass the word to Brother Bob

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— A letter for Sobell —

— COMMUNIST Party
Dear Comrades: I am released from prison after nearly ten years of a 15-year sentence. Legal scholars, educators, clergymen and social scientists will find it difficult to explain why George Weiss' co-defendant Morton Sobell is still in jail. Greenleaf... moved... focuses attention on the 20-year sentence imposed on Sobell as the model of McCarthyism and hysteria. Under it, in just and reason. Five major law journals have in studies of the case that Sobell did not receive justice. No major law journal has ever challenged these views.

If legal justice cannot prevail in helping to end the injustice to Sobell, the President should use his executive powers by commuting Sobell's sentence. Is this too much to expect from the present administration?

I am writing in this manner to the Congressional and State legislatures as well as the public. I know others will do the same. Will copies of such letters be possible to the Sobell Committee, 940 Broadway, New York City.

ANTHONY KOMAR

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Mr. and Mrs. Berman
Cleveland, O.

The untimely loss of such a noble and valiant woman has saddened Brothers and wife, family and all who knew her and of her and her efforts on behalf of peace and justice in a divided and tension-wracked world. She was an inspiring leader and respected leader in the Rosenberg defense as well as the continuing struggle to secure justice for Martin and Rose. She flew to Cleveland to bid with the hundreds present at the memorial service for Attained on April 26.

She was an outstanding organizer and publicity director for the Cleveland Branch of Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

Her wisdom and understanding and strength of character are clearly reflected in her three fine daughters, whose memory and courage at this time of loss are also a tribute to their father Dan. Messages of sympathy can be sent to the family at 8305 Euclid Heights, Cleveland, Cleveland Heights 18, Ohio.

Norma and Netta Berman

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DINNER, RECEPTION, Musicale, "THE
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Special Guest, Mrs. Rose Sobell
SUN., JUNE 12, at First Universalist
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Who'll mind the store?
NEW YORK, N.Y.
At the Y.M.C.A. in the West End in New York, you know, there is a "Social Service" store at 1555 4th Avenue, kept open 1876 to 1932. This store has been run by volunteers and with contributions of merchandise. It has been a source of income for the Y.M.C.A. for many years. We are now in need of volunteer help to keep the project working. Even a few hours a week would be most welcome. Please call us at A. 6-4144 or 4-4133. You will find this a more congenial and productive way to spend your leisure hours.

Heen Sobell

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“RING NEUTRALITY FESTIVAL

SUNDAY, JUNE 11 - New York, N. Y.
Ring Neutral, a group of Negroes and
White Americans, the New York
Milk River Plaza, 500 W. 42nd Street, from 10 a.m.
to 1 p.m. 200 Negroes and 200 White Americans
will join in an all-American picnic and
ring neutral festival. In front of the
ring neutral picnic, 1 p.m. a pro-
neutral rally will be held. Children under
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Different vegetation should be used
in the area where the house is located
especially grass. Mrs. Rose Schell
should be told to plant grass.
She has been told to plant grass.
Lawn should be kept well maintained
and the grass should be cut
about one and a half inches.

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Long Islander is set to return and
Edmund Gwathmey and his wife are
one of those who will be there.
It is reported that Gwathmey, a
well known architect, and his wife
will be staying at the Hotel Bay
Front Inn on the Bay. Gwathmey, 71, has
a "small and comfortable" room
and will be there for a week.

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Remember the Rosenbergs

On March 9, 1952, Ethel Rosenberg wrote to Ethel: "We never were wallflowers and we intend to make up for it soon." December 26, 1952, for 22 days and nights, the White House was continued. On January 5, 1953, it swelled to 3,000 persons. Later, in those crucial days of the final week of June, the line became 15,000.

On Sunday, July 19, 1953, at 2 noon, friends of the Rosenbergs will make their way to the gathering in memory, not in mourning, at Willowood Cemetery, White Plains, N.Y. Will you join us in placing a rose of love and life on their graves? Take Whittemore or Triborough bridge to Southern St to Parkway, Exit 35 to Willowood Cemetery. For transportation c. J. L. Holifield, Tump 1-1327.

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Friends, N.Y. pay tribute to KURT R. A.
JULIUS LOEBENGLING at the 10th anniversary
of their ex-wife, ERIN, 1933.
11-12 p.m. at West 66th Street, New York,
New York. The program will be given
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1-4000 between 6 & 9 p.m. If you have
a car and you take passengers, call
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Press files
of the two offices
of the Communist Party in
California, N.Y. City, and
N.Y. State.

California: Aug. Gen. Stanley Mosk.
Bank statements, minutes, mailing lists and other organizational materials
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of San Francisco offices of the Sobell Committee and the Lobby for Peace.

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WITH THE RACK AND SCREW replaced by modern FBI methods of extracting confession, the ordeal of Dr. Robert Soblen, who faces a "confess or die" ultimatum Aug. 7 in New York on charges of conspiracy to spy for the Soviet Union, could be a dramatization in modern dress of an episode in the 15th Century Inquisition.

That Dr. Soblen would stand trial on charges against him of "espionage for the U.S.S.R." is not his best. Jack Soble, Dr. Soblen's wife, was the supervising psychiatrist at Rockman State Hospital, Orangeburg, N.Y. At 66, he is a victim of leukemia, a cancer of the blood, and medical authorities say he has perhaps a year of life remaining.

His brother, Jack (both were born Sobolevics in Lithuania and chose different Americanizations of their name) was among the profusion of people indicted several years ago as participants in various international dealings disclosed in the U.S. by the Hollywood impresario Louis Weber, who professed himself to have been a double agent for the U.S. and the U.S.S.R.

Jack Soble was arrested in 1957 with great attendant publicity at a time when tens of thousands of people were appealing to the U.S. Supreme Court for a review of the conviction of U.S.-born scientist Morton Sobell with the Rosenbergs in 1951. Many lawyers believed that the U.S. Government, even without real evidence of any wrongdoing by Jack Soble, in order to confuse people then being asked to endorse the appeal of Morton Sobell Sobel is not related to or connected in any way with the Sobolevics brothers or either of their families.

Jack Soble was never brought to trial, although a six-count indictment was presented to him. While in detention Jack Soble, who had a long history of physical and mental illness, at one point attempted suicide by swallowing some nuts and bolts. Eventually he and his wife Myra were said to have confessed to one of the six counts, and both were sentenced to prison.

But at the trial of his brother four years later, Jack Soble denied all charges of espionage presented against him in the 1957 indictment. During the trial it also came to light that he had received at least 20 electric shock treatments and had given at least 200 statements to the FBI. His brother's defense attorney called his testimony the ravings of a madman "unable to distinguish between fantasy and reality."

THE TESTIMONY of Jack Soble, whether that of a madman or not, fell flat in any court of law except that of espionage conspiracy against his brother other than to assert that both had been recruited by Lavrenti Beria in 1945 to go to America.

The only other witness directly against Dr. Soblen was a writer for whom Sobel once tried to help get a job as a newspaper and who testified that a job, had he got one, would have been a cover for spy activities; and a woman who had been questioned for years before the trial and had up to then denied any espionage activities. The writer is seeking publicity for a just-published, a novel "The Woman Is Commanded" and says it to be true. She denied she had been interrogated as a suspect in espionage and agreed with the judge's belief that she was innocent. During cross-examination, that she had described a lie, she said she had been "misunderstood."

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Neither offered any evidence of giving Dr. Soblen information more incriminating than reports on attitudes of Trotskyists German Social Democrats in the U.S. in the war period.

1915 EVILICIDE Robert Soblen, who, by implication in a special chair for most of the trial, was found guilty of the alleged conspiracy, which the judge, William B. Herlands, called "analogous to mass murder." He said he would impose sentence "consonant with that conception"; but he deferred sentencing to August 7 to "see what develops." Despite these circumspect remarks, the New York Times headlined its story "SOBLEN IS WAITED TO NAME RED SPIES." His bail was revoked and on July 15 the condemned man was sent to Federal detention prison for the three weeks until the sentencing date.

The Rosenbergs, in Sing Sing death cells in 1953, were tortured by their inquisitors to "confess" to save their lives. Had they "confessed," a Swiss newspaper asked at the time, would the world have believed their confessions?

—THE GUARDIAN

"Hiss and history.

SANTA MONICA, CALIF.

The strange circumstances of Whittaker Chambers' death and speedy cremation, of his wife's collapse and of the hushed announcement of his death have drawn only rare mention from other oddly informed press. The Hiss case is closed. But it must not be closed.

We must destroy the Intellectual Committee (also its Congressional counterpart) if we are to have any surecease from intellectual and moral bankruptcy. It was the Committee that sent Al-

ger Hiss to prison; that destroyed the Rosenberg and Karpis. Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, that Edward Marshall, Nixon the model of the Republican Party; that Edward T. Gandy the Democrat; and John F. Kennedy President of the United States; that ruined our universities and sent our intellectuals to cover. And it was the Hiss Case that made the committee all-powerful.

It must be vindicated. The case against him was so absurd as to be laughed out of the same court in the world. Let us do not have same courts. We have frightened judges and frightened juries, frightened writers who pretend to weigh ridiculous evidence, and declare that a general was soon born on trial in the person of Hiss. But Hiss was in the dock only by proxy, taking the place of the only beloved President in modern history. Only when Hiss is cleared will we return to the path of reason. George Handlin

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For Rose Sobell
211 W. 14th, N.Y.
We are so sorry that a disastrous New Year is enduring yet another birthday, our 67th, with my son Morton still not free, each of us thus demonstrating in our own way that we continue to help in deed and spirit.

Dear mother of a heroic man here too, my greeting-card wishes for you a freedom and a wonderful family reunion soon.

To give these words action, not just sentiment, I am sending a financial contribution to Rose Sobell, 340 Broadway, New York 16, N.Y.

Evelyn Harper

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Plea for Sobell is rebuffed

Morton Sobell has been in prison since August, 1950, that is, since he was kidnapped from Mexico by FBI agents and held for trial with the Rosenbergs in 1951 for conspiracy to commit espionage. He has proclaimed his innocence and his wife Helen, his mother Rose and untold thousands of Americans have fought unceasingly for legal justice for him, and for executive clemency to terminate his 30-year sentence. In prison he has developed a gallstone condition which may require surgery. He has been trying to follow a corrective diet, but without cooperation of Atlanta Penitentiary authorities. Ted Jacobs, director of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, notified members of the Committee by letter above, the rejection the most recent appeal for clemency. The letter follows in part:

WITH DISILLUSIONMENT and anger, we report that the Kennedy Administration, acting through its Justice Department, has refused clemency to Morton Sobell. The months of assurances from the White House that a fresh study of the case was being made have culminated in a cold, unyielding letter from Deputy Attorney General Byron White adhering to the past position that clemency would be considered only if parole were denied. The furthest possible parole eligibility date is reiterated (Aug. 1, 1962), and there is nothing to indicate that parole would even then be considered favorably.

Immediate phone conversations with people in the White House failed to establish whether or not President Kennedy participated in the decision. But unless it is shown to be otherwise, we must assume that this is the Administration's callous answer to the poignant appeals for a symbolic act of humanity and justice.

At the same time the Justice Department was condemning Morton to still further suffering, President Kennedy was announcing the promotion of trial Judge Irving Kaufman to the U.S. Court of Appeals. Kaufman's chief claim to fame in his death sentence of the Rosenbergs, a cruel act

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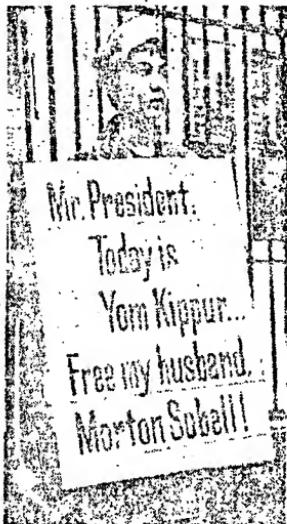
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HELEN SOBELL
At the White House

of hysteria that shamed us before the world. He is rewarded. Morton Sobell, an innocent man Kaufman condemned to an outrageous 30-year sentence, is condemned to further torment.

WHEN THE NEWS of the latest setback came, Helen Sobell, Morton's wife, was sitting in the office of attorney Marshall Perlin. She said: "They're killing my husband slowly, but just as surely as if it were done at once." In those words were the accumulation of years of torment. But then immediately she wrote to President Kennedy:

"If it is indeed your decision, Mr. President, which has answered the appeals of so many eminent Americans, and of our family, by denying to us the chance of life, let us hear it from you. Even then I shall exercise my right to do all in my power to raise up every voice which will speak for decency and

bring it clamoring to your door to change your decision."

FRIENDS, we know and share your weariness from our long efforts which we hoped would be ending. Yet we know all of us committed to justice in this case can only react in one unified way—rebound with a completely overhauled public drive geared to the new situation. Together we have moved mountains to bring the vast support that exists. We will move bigger mountains to tear open this case in the glaring light of public opinion so that public officials will have no choice but to release Morton Sobell.

With speedy action essential, we declare:

1. There must be an entirely new type of effort. To plan this jointly, we are calling Sobell Committee representatives to an Emergency National Sobell Committee Meeting for the weekend of Oct. 14 and 15, in New York City. Preliminary ideas are being sent all committees for local discussion.

2. Our attorneys, the firm of Donner, Perlin and Piel, will be in court within a few weeks with a battery of new motions prepared for this eventuality. The attorneys are also acting to guarantee Morton adequate diet and medical care in the face of a possible need for gall bladder surgery.

3. At once, you should call important persons in your city who have appealed previously, and ask them to write rejecting the deputy Attorney General's letter as the President's final answer.

4. We urgently need funds to take care of all that must be done immediately.

In conclusion, we do not minimize the severity of the blow from Washington. We do not fool ourselves about the enormity of what must be accomplished. Nor do we have the answers for all that we must do.

We do know with all our strength, that the Sobell case cannot be buried with a "no" from Washington, whether the frontier be new or old.

Ted Jacobs
For the Sobell Staff

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REPORT TO READERS

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THIS IS THE FIRST ISSUE of the 14th year of the NATIONAL GUARDIAN. Anniversaries are an evocative time and as each bright blue October rolls around and the GUARDIAN completes another year, the temptation is strong to review the past, tick off the bright spots and the gloomy ones and tot up a current score.

But we believe history is a continuing process, nurtured in the past, for good or evil; making its way (sometimes backward) in the present, and casting the portents of the time to come. In this sense, as we come back up from October, 1948, we can say with reason: Wasn't that a time to try the soul of man—and isn't it still?

Born as it was in a time of hope in the Progressive Party, the GUARDIAN looked ahead then—albeit with storm warnings raised—to a break in the ominous gathering of the cold-war clouds. But there was no break: indeed the storms broke often, and the hurricane still threatens. Roosevelt was dead. The warrior Churchill had spoken at Fulton, Mo., and the narrow mind of Harry Truman confined the sights of America. The brothers Dulles moved to the fore with J. Edgar Hoover and the Congress of the United States became open! the kicksville for the great industrial combines and their lobbies.

IN THIS ATMOSPHERE, what was the role of a struggling independent newsweekly? It was to take up the case of the Trenton Six and see it through to a victory, and to break wide open the case of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg and see it through to the tragic end (with the end not yet in sight for Morton Sobell, the man on the conscience of this nation). It was to record the inevitability of the Chinese Revolution and the dreadful folly of the Korean War; to report on and to be a part of the macabre era of Joe McCarthy, during which the editors were summoned to the inquisition and the editor-in-chief became editor-in-exile.

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**Picket line for Sobell
planned at UN Nov. 16**

ORTON SORELL'S wife, Helen, and mother, Rose, will lead a picket line opposite the United Nations Thursday, Nov. 16, from 5 to 6:30 p.m., to bring his continued imprisonment to the attention of world leaders.

On Sunday, Nov. 26, a mass picket line is planned in front of the White House in Washington. Special buses will leave from New York and other cities. Inquiries should be directed to the Committee for Justice for Morton Sobell, 940 Broadway, N.Y. 10, tel. AL 4-9982.

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Funds for Sobell
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The need for funds was mentioned in the appeal for Morton Sobell in the Oct. 9 GUARDIAN, but by an apparent oversight, the address of the Sobell Committee was not included. If you want to help get the new campaign moving to win Sobell's freedom, please send your contribution to Sobell Committee, 940 Broadway, New York 10, N.Y.

House parties are an excellent way to invite others to participate. The Sobell Committee will see that a speaker is on hand. Address inquiries to me at the above address.

Margaret Bbau

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GIVE A DAY OF YOUR LIFE
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Sobell children appeal to world leaders

MORTON SOBELL'S children, Mark, 12 and Sydney, 21, have written an appeal to world leaders for their father's freedom from prison, to be presented at a demonstration before the United Nations buildings in New York from 5 to 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 16, organized by the Committee for Justice for Morton Sobell, 940 Broadway, N.Y. 10.

The appeal cites the support of world figures such as Bertrand Russell, Pablo Casals, Jean Paul Sartre, Martin Buber, Harold Urey, Linus Pauling and Martin Luther King, and expresses confidence that other world leaders will join them "when you have looked at this case and know that all our family was brutally kidnaped while we were on a vacation in Mexico, that our father was beaten on the head with a gun, that he was told to confess to a crime which he had not committed, and then sent to Alcatraz because he refused to testify untruthfully against the Rosenbergs."

Only one witness appeared against their father at his trial in 1951, the appeal said, "and he [Max Elischer—Ed.] was an admitted perjurer."

The appeal asks intervention by the Human Rights Division of the UN.

ON SUNDAY, NOV. 26, between 2:30 and 5 p.m., persons from all over the Eastern seaboard will appeal at the White House for Sobell's release. Special buses will leave for Washington at 9 a.m. from 940 Broadway, New York City, returning to New York by 10:30 p.m. The round-trip is \$10.

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The Sobell fight goes on

THE SOBELL FAMILY—Morton Sobell's elderly mother, Rose; his
wife, Helen, and his son and daughter, Mark, 12, and Sydney,
21—are taking the fight for Sobell's freedom both to the White
House Kennedy family and to world leaders through the UN.

On Nov. 13, they were joined in a "prayer walk" before the
White House by a group of Ohio ministers and rabbis, protesting
the 30-year sentence, of which Sobell has served more than ten,
for alleged participation in an espionage conspiracy, and urging
that the sentence be commuted to the time he has served.

On Nov. 18, in a driving rain, the Sobell family was joined
by hundreds of supporters before the United Nations, to whose
Human Rights Division the son and daughter, Mark and Sydney, ad-
dressed an appeal for intervention.

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The Sunday after Thanksgiving, Nov. 26, the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, arranged a White House vigil by busloads of Sobell supporters from the eastern seaboard, and the Sobell family planned to hold a vigil of its own at wherever the White House Kennedys ate Thanksgiving dinner.

MEANWHILE, on Nov. 18, the four Sobells with a gathering of friends picketed the dedication of the new Fordham University School of Law in New York's Lincoln Square cultural center, where Attorney General Robert Kennedy made the principal speech. Among the guests at the dedication were Federal Judge Irving S. Kaufman, a Fordham graduate and the judge who sentenced Sobell to 30 years and the Rosenbergs to death when they were tried jointly in 1951; and Herbert Brownell, attorney general under the first Eisenhower Administration who, like his predecessor under President Truman, shelved clemency pleas for the Rosenbergs from people all over the world including the Pope.

Kaufman left the ceremony without being seen by the pickets. Brownell spoke briefly with Helen Sobell, who reminded him of the years she had tried to bring the case to his personal attention.

When Attorney General Kennedy came out, the Sobell family walked along with him for a block or more. The picket signs told who they were. Twelve-year old Mark exclaimed, "My father is innocent. Please let my father go!" Sydney, a poised young woman, reminded him of the many times the family had tried to see him. Helen Sobell asked for an interview then and there on one aspect of the case. "Come to Washington," Kennedy replied. "There are people there to hear such appeals as yours."

"Do you mean Byron White?" Mrs. Sobell asked, referring to Kennedy's assistant, with whom she had been corresponding.

"Your attorneys know who to see," Kennedy replied. "They are very active in your husband's behalf." He added that he had given the case personal study, and concurred with the decisions in it.

WHAT HELEN SOBELL sought to discuss with Kennedy was not the verdict and sentence—which have been protested by tens of thousands of people from all nations and walks of life during the last decade—but the present decision of the government, communicated to Mrs. Sobell by Byron White, to exact from Sobell an additional 437 days of imprisonment before considering his right to parole. The little-known story is this:

Prior to his trial, Sobell was held in prison eight months for lack of \$100,000 bail. After his conviction he was taken to Atlanta penitentiary and the family did not have enough money to pay for lawyers' trips to prepare his appeal. In order to be transferred back to New York to be able to confer with his lawyers, Sobell signed a document electing not to begin service of his sentence pending the outcome of his appeal. So that, although Sobell has been imprisoned continuously since the summer of 1950, his term technically began Dec. 19, 1952, when his appeal was rejected.

Mrs. Sobell wrote to Byron White this month that her husband would have been free during the eight months preceding the trial (and customarily during the appeal period too) if they had been able to post the \$100,000 bail. "He was then being punished for one reason only," she wrote, "lack of money. I cannot believe that our Constitution and law can accept this as equitable treatment."

THIS AND OTHER constitutional points will be fought out in the ensuing weeks and months by Sobell's family and lawyers. Meanwhile the family asks all its supporters to "give a day of your life" or even a few minutes or a few dollars to help press the fight.

At least, write to the Attorney General and the President, asking executive clemency for Sobell; or at the very least, send a contribution today to Helen Sobell at the committee's office, 940 Broadway, New York 10, N.Y.

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ATLANTA, GA.

Mort remembers having met John McManus in Schenectady in 1945 at a meeting for the purpose of organizing engineers at General Electric. Jack came as a representative of the Newspaper Guild and charmed a hostile audience with his presentation. Morty and I both have a sense of great personal loss as well as a loss for our country in the death of a man who represented the best traditions of America and a fervent will for truth.

Helen Soren

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[REDACTED] IN ITS FIGHT to free Morton Sobell, the Sobell Committee has scheduled an around-the-clock vigil at the White House in Washington Dec. 16-17.

The committee reports the following activities in the last few weeks: In New York a group picketed at the United Nations to ask intervention by the Human Rights Division. On Nov. 26 buses brought people from New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore to picket at the White House. Sobel has been in prison since August, 1950, on his conviction of conspiring to commit espionage.

Helen Sobell, who recently visited her husband in Atlanta after his surgery for a gall bladder condition, will take part in the Dec. 16-17 vigil with other members of the family. Special buses will leave New York for Washington at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, and at 9 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 17, returning Sunday night. For information contact the Sobell Committee, 940 Broadway, New York 10, N.Y. Phone: AL 4-9983.

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MORTON SOBECK'S DAUGHTER, MOTHER ROSE, SON MARK AND WIFE HELEN
As the family picketed recently at the UN in New York



Dramatic action for Sobell

When Methodist Minister David Andrews of Boone, N.C., knelt by the fence in front of the White House in Washington on Dec. 12 as a "direct act of civil disobedience" to call attention to pleas for the release of Morton Sobell, police ordered him to move, then arrested him. Next day he was freed in court. About 80 persons picketed the White House Dec. 16 and 17 on behalf of Sobell, in jail on charges of conspiring to commit espionage.

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A mother's plea for Morton Sobell is rebuffed

When 67-year-old Rose Sobell attempted for 40 minutes in sub-freezing weather Jan. 10 to get into the White House in Washington to plead for her imprisoned son Morton Sobell, she was blocked by special police. Mrs. Sobell sought an opportunity to present the case for release of "my innocent son, Morton Sobell" from his 30-year sentence on an espionage charge. After she slipped through the White House gate, police blocked the way and forced her to leave. Mrs. Sobell had announced that she would "undertake a public action of peaceful civil disobedience" because her son "remains unjustly imprisoned."

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CAMPAIGN FOR RELEASE OF HER HUSBAND

London welcomes Helen Sobell, Paris refuses to admit her

By Gordon Schaffer

LONDON

MRS. MORTON SOBELL won the support of many prominent persons in her campaign for the release of her imprisoned husband during her stay in London on the first leg of her European visit. She departed for Amsterdam on Feb. 11, and from there goes on to Brussels, Paris, Rome and Stockholm, then returning to London. Sobell is serving 30 years on a conviction of conspiracy to commit espionage in wartime.

"I have been able to do a great deal in a very short time," Mrs. Sobell said, "because so many people know about the unjust imprisonment of my husband and are anxious to help. In other cities friends will be waiting for me and arrangements have been made for me to see leading people."

Mrs. Sobell received sympathetic publicity in the newspapers, including the Times, the Daily Telegraph and the Daily Herald.

MP PETITION: Mrs. Sobell had tea at the House of Lords with Lord Chorley and also met a group of Labor MPs who plan to get signatures of other MPs to a letter calling for Sobell's release.

A lawyers organization, the Haldane Society, called a meeting for Mrs. Sobell at the London School of Economics. The Bishop of Woolwich has expressed his desire to help and many clergymen are interested in the case. Scientists have also indicated readiness to aid, and Bertrand Russell told the Daily Herald, "I investigated the case and I consider Sobell's trial was a complete miscarriage of justice."

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The following communication was received from Helen Sobell. It was dated Feb. 15.

BRUSSELS

YESTERDAY I left Brussels encouraged by the knowledge that the Belgian League for the Rights of Man had decided to address a letter to the American ambassador to be conveyed to President Kennedy asking that my husband, Morton Sobell, be freed. Other Belgian organizations too were following with similar requests.

I alighted from the plane in Paris almost gaily, carrying gifts of fine Belgian lace and an exquisite little gold box of chocolates. As I handed my passport and embarkation card to the officer I saw him become agitated. He quickly reported to his superior at the other desk, and I was told to stand aside. I was not alarmed, thinking that my friends in Paris had perhaps made some special arrangements with regard to gaining public support.

NO ENTRY: The officer led me to a small room and through an interpreter told me that I was not to be permitted entry into Paris but must purchase another ticket and return to Brussels or London. I asked the reason and was told that there was none, only an order from the Prime Minister. I asked to be permitted to speak to my friend in Paris, but this was refused, as were my requests to call Brussels or London to make arrangements. Nor could I be permitted to go on to Rome, a procedure which would at least have saved me the expense of a return trip I had not anticipated.

When I realized I would be permitted no choice in the matter, I refused to have anything further to do with it. The officer took my handbag when he saw I had no intention of assisting him in carrying out these decisions, and he proceeded to rummage through my letters from my husband.

CRADLE OF LIBERTY: They then proceeded first to coax and then command me to leave, but I felt this was not my responsibility, and so they then carried me in the chair on which I was sitting out to the airplane. I waved and called to my waiting friends, "Goodby, I'm sorry I can not come to you. Please help me free my innocent husband."

They lifted me out of the chair and carried me feet first up the steps of the plane, and with a great sign of relief deposited my 100 pounds on the last seat in the cabin. I almost laughed at the entire incident as we rose over beautiful Paris, the cradle of liberty, but it was a hearty laugh, full of sorrow at what could happen in a once proud city.

Mrs. Sobell also talked to trade union leaders and to writers, including Arnold Wesker. Before leaving for Amsterdam she wrote to Winston Churchill, asking him to back her appeal.

When Mrs. Sobell returns to London a number of groups will be ready for action. The first step will be an appeal for Sobell's immediate release through executive clemency.

Arguing on a motion for a new trial, Sobell's counsel told the U.S. District Court in New York City on Feb. 14 that Sobell was unjustly convicted in violation of his constitutional rights. The lawyer, Marshall Perlman, told Judge McGahey that the trial judge, Irving R. Kaufman, had failed in his charge to the jury to define the term "wartime" and erred in imposing a sentence permissible in wartime. Sobell was tried in 1951. The government cited that the U.S.-Japanese peace treaty was not concluded until 1952. McGahey reserved decision.



HELEN SOBELL TALKS TO BRITISH PLAYWRIGHT ARNOLD WILSKER
He was interested in plans for a film about Morton Sobell

SAN FRANCISCO

HELEN SOBHIL will report on her European trip Sat. March 24 at the Francis Drake Hotel, Decatur and 2nd St. Reservations MO 4-0665

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Los Angeles walks with Helen & Rose Schell

→ ***Schell Freedom Demonstration*** →

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Sobell Freedom Demonstration

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ELLEN SOBELL ~~WALK FOR JUSTICE~~

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at BELLEN SOBEI

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of MORTON SOBEI

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125th Street and Avenue A

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DR. WILLARD SPURGEON, exec. director, World Federation, former "Prisoner of Conscience," speaks on his forthcoming autobiography (McGraw-Hill) on FEB. 21, 1959, 8:30 p.m., at the Soldiers' Home, Washington, D.C. (Ticket \$1.50).
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BREAKFAST for FREEDOM
Hear HELEN SOBELL

Just back from Europe with report on action abroad
to free MORTON SOBELL
Special remarks by Murray Kempton, columnist
HOTEL BELMONT PLAZA, Lex Av. & 49th St.

SAT., APRIL 7, 10 A.M.

WALK for JUSTICE

in group leaving hotel at noon to present Sobell
freedom appeal to American officials of the
U.S. Mission to the United Nations, First Av. and
45th St., New York.

Breakfast Reservation: \$5 per plate, Sobell Committee, 940 Broadway, N.Y.C. Telephone: AL 4-9983

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A warrior for justice

HELEN SOBELL, back after a month's whirlwind tour of nine cities in nine countries, stayed briefly in New York and then went to the West Coast for a series of meetings in behalf of her imprisoned husband, Morton Sobell. For the almost 12 years that Sobell has been in prison, she has devoted her life to fighting for his release, and has lived on just such a dizzying schedule. Her husband was convicted with Julius and Ethel Rosenberg in 1951 on an indictment of conspiracy to commit espionage. He is in Atlanta Penitentiary, where Mrs. Sobell or their children or his mother, Rose, may visit him for two hours each month.

Mrs. Sobell's two months of travel abroad and in the U.S. was to seek the aid of world figures and of organizations in her fight to free her husband. The series of meetings, discussions and demonstrations will culminate in a "breakfast for freedom" in New York's Hotel Belmont Plaza at 10 a.m. April 7 and a "walk for justice."



ESTER DAHL, SISTER OF JOE HILL, WITH HELEN SOBELL
Their Stockholm meeting highlighted Helen's trip

beginning at noon, from the hotel to the U.S. Mission to the UN at 45th Street and First Ave. At the breakfast Mrs. Sobell will report on her European trip and Murray Kempton of the New York Post will speak.

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AHIGHLIGHT of her trip, Mrs. Sobell said, was a talk with Ester Dahl, Joe Hill's sister, who traveled two days from her farm high in the hills of Sweden to meet Mrs. Sobell in Stockholm. Mrs. Dahl inscribed a photograph, treasured by Mrs. Sobell: "Dear Helen. You have given me an unforgettable memory with your visit here. I profoundly hope that it will contribute to giving your husband his freedom."

"People were so warm and had such feeling for Morton," Mrs. Sobell said. "When Queen Elisabeth of Belgium greeted me she said: 'I remember you; husband very well. I sent a cable in behalf of the Rosenbergs.' Mrs. Sobell received similar welcomes from housewives, MPs, trade union leaders, artists and writers.

"As I sat in homes which had billeted the Nazis and spoke to those who had seen the ravages of war I understood the depth of feeling which I found," Mrs. Sobell told me. "To the people of Europe Morton was a man who had suffered as many of them had and they looked to his release as a sign of the ending of the Cold War and the beginning of justice."

She had met with Bertrand Russell, Gunnar Myrdal, Lord Chorley, playwright Arnold Wesker, and the Bishop of Woolwich. All promised to send statements to President Kennedy asking for her husband's release. Thirty MPs with whom she lunched at the House of Commons promised to send statements and to visit the American ambassador in London. H. E. Newbold, secretary of the Lancashire Federation of Trades Councils, has written: "I wish to associate my name with the campaign being waged for the release of Morton Sobell, who was unjustifiably imprisoned by the U.S. Government on a charge of theft of atom-bomb secrets in which the chief state witness has confessed to perjury. In the name of justice and humanity, I support the world-wide call for this man's release." The council, which represents 2 million workers, was to discuss a resolution seeking Sobell's release at its annual conference March 24.

There was wide coverage of Mrs. Sobell's visit in each country. The French press carried reports of her ejection from Paris. She had been denied entry "on an order from the Prime Minister." No reason was given.

The President of the Italian Senate promised Mrs. Sobell that he would visit the American ambassador in Rome. The League for the Rights of Man in Belgium will request executive clemency. The Queen Mother of Belgium is sending a greeting to the April 7 meeting in New York, and wrote President Kennedy urging Sobell's release.

Helen Sobell and I talked the day before she departed for the West Coast. It had been a week since her return from Europe. As she left me to hurry to another appointment, she appeared fresh and rested and eager to push on in the clemency campaign. In amazement, I asked: "Why aren't you tired?" She turned as she half-ran down the street. "I am," she said, laughing.

—Joanne Grant

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REMINDER!

Sobell Freedom Breakfast
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SAT. APRIL 7 10 A.M.
Hotel Belmont Plaza
49th & Lex. Av., N.Y.C.
HEAR Helen Sobell, and
Murray Kempton, Columnist
For reservations phone:
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Reception for HELEN SOBELL on her
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Tuesday, April 22, 1952, at the Hotel C.
\$1.50. At 8:30 P.M. Helen Sobell and
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A new appeal for Sobell

HELEN SOBELL and her son, Mark, presented an appeal on April 7 to Ambassador Adlai Stevenson urging that President Kennedy free Morton Sobell from prison. Mrs. Sobell led 200 persons in a "walk for justice" from the Hotel Laliment Plaza, where a breakfast meeting had been held, to the U.S. Mission to the United Nations.

Mrs. Sobell presented an appeal by 30 British Labor Party Members of Parliament, British attorney Gerald Gardiner and Queen Elisabeth, the Queen Mother of Belgium. Mrs. Sobell reported that Stevenson said, "It will be my pleasure to do something about looking into your petition."

At the breakfast meeting Murray Kempton, columnist, lauded the Sobels as "a great and noble couple."

Two days earlier the sixth appeal by Sobell was denied. Sobell sought a new trial or his release. Attorney Marshall Perlin had argued that Sobell's interests had been prejudiced by the unconstitutional cross-examination of Ethel Rosenberg during which she answered questions which she had refused to answer on Fifth Amendment grounds to a grand jury. Judge John F. X. McGohey in denying the petition said: "The rule is clear that one who joins an existing conspiracy takes it as it is, and is therefore held accountable for the prior conduct of the co-conspirators." Sobell was convicted of conspiracy to commit espionage.

Among those who support Sobell's clemency plea are: Lord Bertrand Russell, Dr. Martin Buber, Jean-Paul Sartre and Pablo Casals.

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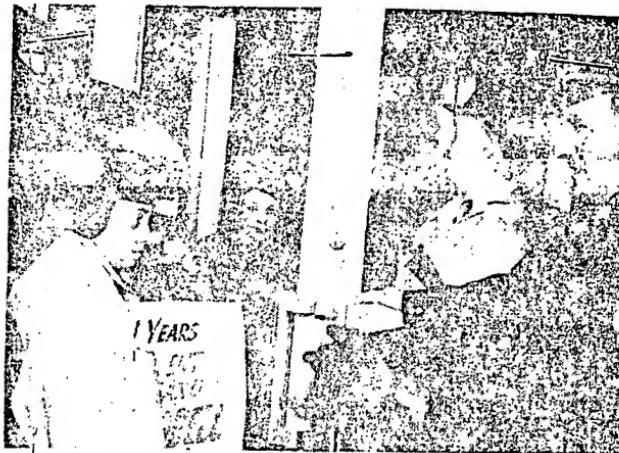
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ADLAI STEVENSON GETS A SOBELL PETITION AT THE UN
Helen Sobell (with corsage) is partly hidden by her son Mark

LOS ANGELES

N.Y. ERNEST NIMITZ speaks at Third
Annual Easter Dinner, Sat., April 25.
Place: 12 S. E. Avenue, For reservations
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BRECHT COMES TO PHILADELPHIA
Friday, April 28, 8:30 p.m. at Society Hill
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For Morton Sobell
NEW YORK, N.Y.

This letter should have been written to you by Morton Sobell as a free man. However, parole has been denied and this August Morton begins the 13th year of his imprisonment.

The vindictiveness and waste of his continuing imprisonment shocks and sorrows every thinking mind. We who have worked so long and hard for Morton's freedom, because we know him as a person and understand what this case means to America, are preparing to start an all-out protest.

We have called for a national conference to take place Sept. 22-23 in New York City. In order to free ourselves from the many burdens which slow our work, we ask for your help now. Your suggestions as well as your contributions of money should be immediately forwarded to our National office, Sobell Committee, 9-9 Broadway, New York 10, N.Y.

Out of this denial of elementary justice must come a roar of dissent that shall draw the line between those who will not know and the people who care for justice and the bleeding torment of every individual.

Helen Sobell

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REPORT TO READERS

The state of the nation

A STREAM of recent events should disturb everyone concerned about the welfare of the nation.

The United States Information Service is now distributing as its official propaganda the book *You Can Trust the Communists*, by fascist-oriented Dr. Fred Schwarz, head of the Christian-Anti-Communist Crusade. Attorney General Robert Kennedy has announced that he won't even submit the case of Morton Sobell to President John F. Kennedy to be considered for executive clemency.

The Pentagon announces it has prepared a list of 4,000 "defense facilities," with many thousands more to be added, where all workers are to be screened to bar members of any "communization organization." The lawyer who guided the CIO in its purge of all dissenting left-wing unions and unionists and brazenly trusted the era of AFL-CIO McCarthyism, Arthur Goldberg, is appointed to the Supreme Court. A leading Catholic magazine edited by Jesuit priests, *America*, makes an attack against American Jews for their support of the Supreme Court's stand against religious practices in public schools and warns the Jews that their efforts may invite increased anti-Semitism.

■ IN THE SOUTH 69 Northern religious leaders are jailed for publicly praying for desecration in Albany, Ga. In Celso, Ill., seven

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Young persons are chain-whipped and bloodied as the police idly watch. The eighth school year since the Supreme Court desegregation decision begins, with only token compliance in most of the South, and no compliance in three states. The nation's civil rights leaders vainly call for effective aid while the nation's leaders, headed by President Kennedy, stand aside from the brutal struggle.

In Spain a compliant Adlai Stevenson bows and scrapes, and flatters the Fascist Franco dictatorship already tottering before the gathering democratic fury of the Spanish people, and Stevenson thereby earns the bitter hostility of all liberal Spaniards (see the del Vayo story, page 1). On the floor of Congress a disgraceful parade of Northern Democrats pays disgusting tribute to Franco, with no rebuke from Congress or White House. President Kennedy cynically tells the world that he's against invading Cuba "at this time" and the cynical press corps laughs knowingly.

BY THE MARGIN of one vote in a single congressional committee, more than 900,000 long-term jobless are deprived of even a limited and temporary extension of their already exhausted jobless benefits. The Senate kills a plan to end a billion-dollar tax evasion of the rich by collecting taxes on interest and dividends just as wage taxes are now collected. Medical care for aged is defeated almost without a fight, keeping the U.S. near the bottom of the list of nations in social security standards. Meanwhile Congress gives a space satellite bonanza worth \$24 billion into the hands of the American Telephone & Telegraph Co.

The coming of the fifth post-World War II recession is generally and complacently accepted, while at the top of today's "boom" the steel industry works at 50% capacity and 8 million Americans lack full-time jobs.

THESE ARE THE MARKS of a nation losing its pace and its place. They are the signals of a nation faltering before the great political, economic and technological challenges and potentialities of the 20th Century. Abraham Lincoln said, "To remain silent in the face of evil makes cowards of men." Today America needs an avalanche of bold protest to reverse this dismal descent and restore the country to the path of peace, of genuine democracy, and of social and economic progress. —**THE GUARDIAN**

PETITION BALKED

Sobell committee to hold conference

THE COMMITTEE TO Secure Justice for Morton Sobell will hold a national conference in New York City on Sept. 22 and 23 to discuss its campaign following the refusal of Attorney General Robert Kennedy to submit a clemency petition to President Kennedy.

The conference will begin at 10 a.m. at Adelphi Hall, 74 Fifth Ave. At the evening session Sept. 22 it is planned to present a new film on the case, designed for TV use.

In a letter to Mrs. Morton Sobell dated Aug. 29, Robert Kennedy said the question of Sobell's release is up to the parole board, which recently denied his application. The attorney general said the petition for executive clemency got "careful consideration" and it was decided the President "should not be asked" to act.

In an answering letter dated Aug. 29, Mrs. Sobell wrote: "For the past two years now we have been given to understand by spokesmen for this administration that my husband, Morton Sobell, would be freed. Mr. Byron White's letter postponing the decision on executive clemency until after the parole period had been reached was the culmination of a series of unconscionable promises and half-promises. You seek now to place this matter within the complete jurisdiction of the parole board in an effort to avoid a responsibility which is rightly that of the President."

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REPORT TO READERS

The death of Dr. Soblen

ROBERT SOBLEN IS DEAD, and the weighty volumes on the codes of jurisprudence which have been promulgated under our Judeo-Christian civilization have been slammed shut on three continents. But the closed covers will not banish the haunting figure who has claimed headlines in the press of the world.

The spectacle of the government of the United States, using all the powerful forces at its command to hound a man halfway across the world and to threaten and blackmail two sovereign governments to do its bidding, will not soon be forgotten. Nor will the weaselly and hypocritical actions on the part of Israel and Britain.

The facts in the Soblen case have been presented in this paper for many months past, and are summed up on page 3 by William A. Reuben, a reporter whose stubborn persistence in the Soblen case, and in the Rosenberg-Soblen case before it, will one day be acclaimed for the searching and responsible journalism which it is. Dr. Soblen was found guilty, to be sure, but the question of his guilt or innocence could hardly be determined on the basis of the government's presentation in what the high-minded—if blood-thirsty—editorial writers refer to as an "open and fair trial in a free society."

TWELVE ORDERS ARE USED TO FILL THE GAP where reason leaves off. The Soblen case goes far beyond the question of guilt or innocence. Robert Soblen, dead of his own hand in a London hospital, is a victim of the Cold War as sure as Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, dead at the hand of the state, are victims of the Cold War; and Morton Sobell, wasting in a prison cell, is a victim for refusing to sell his soul to advance the big lie of the Cold War's directorate.

This directorate needs cases like the Soblen case to maneuver a misinformed public into accepting repressive legislation like the Smith Act and the McCarran Internal Security Act, the Walter-McCarran Immigration Act and the Taft-Hartley Act with its anti-communist oath provisions. It needs these legislative abortions to stifle opposition to the Cold War and the fantastic profit-taking that is its main by-product. What does it matter that there may be innocent victims? These, after all, are part of the price a "free society" must pay to preserve our way of plunder under the protective umbrella of the federal law.

THE EXPERIENCES OF THE SOBLEN CASE have a direct bearing on an address by Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas at the Earl Warren Institute of Ethics and Human Relations in Los Angeles in June. There was, he said, a long history behind the decline in American prestige which began after World War II. We of the West, he said, powerful in ideas and in armed strength, are "somewhat crippled." The sapping of this strength he attributed not to subversion but to "prejudices and fear." He went on:

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"We are passing through momentous times when no debate takes place even on crucial issues. . . . Why has silence overtaken us? Why has the pattern of no discussion reached into atomic testing, disarmament, Berlin, and other issues that involve the problems of survival or extinction? Is foreign policy—the key to life and death for all forms of life in this nuclear age—beyond the bounds of debate?"

A survey of the press, he said, shows coast-to-coast "the low estate of dialogue on domestic as well as foreign issues. (The press vindicated this finding by almost blacking out the Douglas address.) Money-makers have taken over the press. . . . The result is a press which with few exceptions gives no true account of forces at work in the world. Ignorance alone is tragedy enough. Further tragedy lies in the fact that the people of the United States—the ones who could, if awakened, take up the challenge of the Cold War and win it—are largely immobilized. Fears of communism are subtly translated into fears of the unorthodox."

Justice Douglas's comments, coming as they do from the apparatus of American justice which dealt with the Soblen case, are like a burst of fresh air in a suffocating cell. We would, if we were editing the speech, change only one word. We would say "end" the Cold War rather than "win" it. For it is our belief that there can be no winner in this war. There can be only a world-wide holocaust . . . or an end which would set the stage for a peaceful competition between systems in which there could actually be a winner—for the benefit of mankind.

In such a setting there would be no sufferance for a Soblen case or a Rosenberg case; and a Morton Sobell would be working in a laboratory, in freedom, seeking, let us say, a cure for leukemia.

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Abraham A. Heller

ABRAHAM A. HELLER, one of the pioneers of socialism and one of the earliest friends of the Soviet Union, died on Sept. 18 after an illness of several months. When some of us gathered the next day with his family and relatives, there was not one among us who did not feel that the life of a very unusual man had come to an end. Abe would have been 88 in October.

Abe Heller came to the United States from Russia as a boy of 16, a member of a large and poor Jewish family from Moscow. He had attended a good Russian school, where he acquired a solid education; he was an avid reader, well acquainted with the best in Russian literature, a museum visitor, a lover of music and theater.

The economic circumstances of his family and the discrimination against Jews compelled him to abandon his wish to become an engineer; and, once in the U.S., he went to night school to learn English and study American literature, but was unable to acquire any specialized training since, like so many other immigrants, he had to go to work immediately. He had an almost insatiable thirst for learning and knowledge and, at the age of 44, enrolled as a student at Harvard, where he intended to study for several years to prepare himself for "a socialist career" as a writer and lecturer. However, he left Harvard after a brief time to become a commercial attache to the first representative of the Soviet Union in the U.S.

Heller became a successful businessman. His father and he started as peddlers of supplies needed for the repair of jewelry and watches; they were later joined by one of Abe's brothers and developed a profitable jewelry business which, after relatively few years, took Abe to Europe, where he established business contacts in the jewelry centers. Later he became head of the European branch of the family business with headquarters in Paris, where, with his flair for business opportunities, he developed from merchant into industrialist. He started, with the help of a French chemist, production of synthetic gems and, what eventually became more important, bought French patents for the production of oxygen in the U.S. and Canada, which enabled him to establish successful oxygen plants in North America.



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ABRAHAM A. HELLER

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THE DEVELOPMENT of these businesses made him economically more and more independent and permitted him to ~~concentrate~~ at first, part of his time and, later, all his time and his unusual energy to his many activities in behalf of socialism. Abe had acquired, at an early age, a critical understanding of capitalism; socialism became his creed which, despite his business ventures, was his constant and ever-present preoccupation, and to which he was at all times ready to make any sacrifice compatible with the necessities of life.

As a youngster, he became a member of the Russian Social-Democratic Club on East Broadway; he later joined Dr. Leon's Socialist Labor Party, which he seems to have left together with a segment of the party that formed the Socialist Party. Heller remained active in the party, but always belonged to the "left" and was one of those who, after the Russian Revolution, broke away from the party to start the organized Communist movement in the U.S.

Abe's association with the first Soviet Mission to the U.S. was the beginning of many years of activities in behalf of the Soviet Union. He was one of the first American visitors to Soviet Russia and revisited the country many times. He helped organize trade with the Soviet Union and assisted effectively in her early industrialization. During that period he devoted more and more time to organizational work in the U.S., particularly after having retired completely from business at a relatively early age.

FOR MANY YEARS, there was nothing happening on the American Left to which Abe Heller did not contribute his help, his financial resources and his time. To mention a few: Soviet Russia Today, of which he was the first editor; Friends of the Soviet Union, the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, the League against War and Fascism and the North-American Committee to Help Loyalist Spain. Because of his belief in education and his interest in the distribution of Marxist literature, he was particularly pleased about the successful development of International Publishers and the Jefferson School, both of which he had helped establish (as some years before he had assisted in organization of the Rand School).

While it would be difficult to enumerate all the causes in which Heller was active, mention must be made of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, one of his chief interests.

However important Heller's activities were, more important was the kind of man he was: he was a most modest, unassuming and gracious person, of rare generosity, great integrity and unfaltering loyalty to his ideals and convictions. He was blessed by being able to devote a large part of his life and energy to the work which meant most to him: to help in the development of a socialist society.

—Otto Nathan

AND EACH DAY

Sobell vigil at UN Oct. 17

A DAILY freedom vigil will be held at the United Nations, beginning Oct. 17, to urge international appeals to President Kennedy to free Morton Sobell, now in his 13th year of imprisonment. Sobell has steadfastly maintained his innocence of a charge of conspiracy to commit espionage. He is eligible for parole and a hearing will take place in Washington Oct. 30.

The appeals to the UN, initiated by the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell (AL 4-9983) will start at noon Oct. 17 at United Nations Plaza, 43rd St. and First Ave., New York. The gathering will continue until 2 p.m.

Each day thereafter at the same time a symbolic representation will maintain the vigil. Sobell has a legal action pending.

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Russeil backs appeal for parole of Sobell

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Lord BERTRAND RUSSELL, in a message to a Washington hearing Oct. 30 of the U.S. Parole Board, charged that imprisoned scientist Morton Sobell was "an innocent man" whose 30-year sentence "was a vicious act of injustice in the tradition of judicial murders which have been prevalent at different periods of American history."

Declaring Sobell was convicted of conspiracy to commit espionage "on the sole and uncorroborated testimony of an acknowledged perjurer," the British philosopher said: "Twelve years (in jail) is long enough for vengeance, guilty or innocent. But this is an innocent man. I appeal for his release in the name of conscience, mercy and human decency."

The Parole Board in its first hearing on the Sobell case, heard pleas from many persons. Mrs. Helen Sobell gave the board a print of a new documentary film on the case and asked the members to view it, in the hope it would convince the members to release her husband, now imprisoned in Atlanta.

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Lifelong fighter for world of peace
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A Committee of Refreshments
On the cause closest to Sarah's
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AVAILABLE TO PUBLIC

Sobell film presented
to U.S. parole board

THE FILM MEDIUM which is a new one with the presentation of a color picture documentary to the U.S. Parole Board in the hope of convincing it to free scientist Morton Sobell, now in his 13th year of imprisonment on a charge of conspiracy to commit espionage.

The picture, a 16mm color film running a half hour, was released Nov. 1. It is titled "Morton Sobell: A Case for Justice" and features Dr. Edward C. Tolson, Nobel Prize scientist; law professor Eugene P. Sharp of the University of Chicago; attorney Stephen S. Love of Chicago; Norman Thomas; Los Angeles TV commentator Lew Eyrin, and the Morton Sobell family.

The Sobell Committee is paying the cost of the prints to be distributed for showing throughout the U.S.

At a parole hearing Oct. 30 in Washington, D.C., Mrs. Morton Sobell presented a print of the film to the board. Many prominent persons at the hearing spoke in Sobell's behalf, and messages from all over the world urged Sobell's release.

The Sobell Committee said the new film will be sent abroad for dubbing and distribution, and that it will be available for showing in movie houses and on TV. The sound track has also been adapted for use on radio stations. The committee's address is 940 Broadway, New York 10, N.Y.

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Premiere of Sobell film
scheduled Dec. 3 in N.Y.

THE PREMIERE of the half-hour documentary film, "Morton Sobell, a Plea for Justice," will take place at the Village South Theater, 15 Vandam St., New York, Dec. 3, with showings at 6:30, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m.

The 16mm sound movie dramatizes the case of Sobell, now in his 13th year of imprisonment on charges of conspiracy to commit espionage. He was sentenced to 30 years at the 1951 trial with Julius and Ethel Rosenberg.

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A Christmas appeal

MORE THAN A DECADE of legal procedures, of judges, prosecutors, death, and the living dead in prison weighted the pause in which Judge Thurgood Marshall waited for the answer of U.S. Attorney Robert J. Genessee. Judge Marshall had asked, "If Ethel Rosenberg were tried, say last spring, and we had her conviction before this court today, wouldn't we have to reverse on the authority of Grunewald?" A hush fell upon the courtroom of the Second Circuit of Appeals in Foley Square, New York. Judges Henry J. Friendly and Thomas W. Swan, listened attentively to the argument being presented to the three-judge bench.

HIS SCENE TOOK PLACE Dec. 7, well into the 13th year of imprisonment for my husband, Morton Sobell, and as the tenth anniversary of the execution of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg approached. A new examination of "the outstanding political trial of our generation" was being demanded. Our attorneys, Marshall and Sanford Katz, had finished their discussion of two motions that challenge both the decision and sentencing in the Rosenberg-Sobell case. Perlin had discussed the conduct of the prosecutor as he questioned Ethel Rosenberg in March, 1951, during the trial. As Ethel had answered question after question, the prosecutor asked each time, "But when you were asked this question before the Grand Jury, didn't you then refuse to answer this question because you said it would incriminate you?"

Ethel had stated, and her attorney, the late Emanuel Bloch, had pointed out again and again that no inference may be drawn from the use of the Fifth Amendment, that it is the refuge of the innocent against the overwhelming power of the state. More than 125 questions were asked of Ethel relating to her appearance before the Grand Jury. It was four years after her death that the U.S. Supreme Court had ruled, in the Grunewald case, which involved tax evasion, that it was prejudicial error for a judge to permit such questioning.



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THE U.S. ATTORNEY, answering our lawyers, argued that after 12 years we were not entitled to be heard, that the time had long since run out, that any number of appeals had already been turned down, etc. It was on technical and procedural grounds that this appeal must be summarily disposed of, he said. Further, he argued that even if this Grunewald decision applied, it was so far away from Morton Sobell that he could not avail himself of it because the prejudice would have to be connected from Sobell through Eliezer (the only witness against Sobell), through Julius Rosenberg, to Ethel. Judge Friendly commented that the defense could use the same reasoning and "get more mileage" out of it.

Again in debating our second motion, which held that the wartime Sobell sentence of 30 years was illegal, Genessee stressed the time lapse since the decision. One judge then asked, almost angrily, "Hasn't this man been in Atlanta prison during this period? You're not arguing that he wanted to stay there and was biding his time?"

Our challenge was based on the fact that the charge by Judge Irving R. Kaufman had omitted the element charging the jury to find that the alleged crime had been committed in time of war. When this was revealed there seemed to be a flurry of shock on the bench. "Why wasn't this raised before?" Perlin replied, "It was the teaching of Lee v. Madigan which brought this hitherto administrative question into the purview of the court." (In that case the Supreme Court held the war ended with the cessation of hostilities.)

IN THIS COURTROOM where I had sat before, in this building where I had watched the lying witnesses and the scheming prosecutor talk away the lives of Ethel and Julius, and send Morton to the unbelievable years of Alcatraz and Atlanta, for the first time there seemed to be a listening. All the many persons who had never accepted the Rosenberg-Sobell verdicts seemed crowded into the quiet room. The Pope, the President of France, the millions from all over the world who cried, "Wait, there are doubts," converged upon the moment of waiting.

Judge Marshall had stripped the question of mumbo-jumbo as he asked what effect the Grunewald ruling might have had on the Rosenberg verdicts. And the U.S. attorney answered: "This court would probably have to rule in favor of the defendant." His words cannot bring life to Ethel and Julius. If the lesson can be learned, it can bring Morton's freedom.

A doctor who has examined all available information about Morton's health says he may be in a dangerous condition. Don't permit this senseless torment to continue so that years later another U.S. Attorney can admit that justice was woefully served. Please write now to the President asking for Christmas release for Morton. My mother Rose and I ask for your help.

—Helen Sobell

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Dear JOL VOLK: TV & radio com-
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KENNEDY URGED TO GRANT RELEASE

A new appeal for Sobell

A PROSECUTION statement in recent court proceedings that Ethel Rosenberg would probably be entitled to a new trial today has been cited as basis for an appeal to President Kennedy to grant a new year release to imprisoned Morton Sobell. The appeal was filed by Helen Sobell in behalf of her husband, serving the 13th year of a 30-year sentence and still trying to prove his innocence of the "conspiracy to commit espionage" of which he was convicted in the 1951 trial with Julius and Ethel Rosenberg.

On Dec. 7, during argument before the U.S. Court of Appeals on Sobell's motions for a new trial or freedom (GUARDIAN, Dec. 13), Judge Thurgood Marshall posed a question. It was asked in light of the U.S. Supreme Court ruling in the Grunewald-Halperin tax case condemning as illegal prosecution cross-examination attacking a witness for having asserted Constitutional rights under the Fifth Amendment before the Grand Jury, as was the case with Ethel Rosenberg.

"If Ethel Rosenberg were tried, say last spring," Marshall asked, "and we had her conviction before the court today, wouldn't we have to reverse?"

U.S. Attorney Robert J. Genessee responded, "Yes, it would probably have to reverse."

While Sobell was not accused of acts related to atomic espionage, his case was influenced by any unfair cross-examination of Ethel Rosenberg because it was a conspiracy trial, Sobell's attorneys have pointed out.

The U.S. Parole Board is weighing possible release in view of Sobell's parole eligibility. The U.S. Court of Appeals has the legal motions under advisement.

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Sobell turned down again in parole bid

THE UNITED STATES Parole Board in Washington, D.C., has denied the new appeal for parole of Morton Sobell, serving a 30-year prison term on conviction of conspiring to commit espionage.

Parole Executive Joseph N. Shore, in letters dated Jan. 7 to Sobell's wife Helen and his mother Rose, said the board, while denying parole, is seeking further information on Sobell's physical condition. Sobell has been suffering severe stomach discomfort, not alleviated by a gall bladder removal in prison, and his doctor expressed serious concern for him at the parole hearing Oct. 30.

The parole denial was assailed by Prof. Thomas I. Emerson of the Yale Law School as a "disgrace to our democratic society." Emerson said it seemed to be the general policy of the board to deny parole to persons convicted of political offenses. Others who protested included writer Dwight Macdonald, Rabbi Philip Horowitz of Cleveland and Rev. David Colwell, chairman of the department of church and society, Council of Churches, Washington, D.C.

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By way of contrast
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Nothing pertaining to social and political morals in the U.S. 1963, could be more instructive than the recent experiences of U.S. prisoner Morton Sobell and ex-convict John (Jake the Barber) Factor.

The ex-convict was saved from deportation by President Kennedy, who granted a full pardon to this representative of the criminal element which was the subject of a book, *The Enigma Within*, purportedly written by his brother, Robert, the U.S. Attorney General. Subsequently it was disclosed that Jake had contributed \$20,000 to the President's 1960 campaign fund; and there was a further news report that the Attorney General had found time to have personal conferences with this notorious underworld character.

There is less to tell about Sobell, except to repeat that the U.S. Parole Board denied his latest appeal for parole.

Edward Vrecken

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Morton Sobell calls from Alcatraz Federal Penitentiary, "We Are Innocent!" Ethel and Julius Rosenberg proclaimed before their execution ten years ago. The question the world has a bed about the most heard trial of our time still demands an answer:

How Do You, The Jury, Find?

The Rosenberg-Sobell Case After Ten Years

SEE

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A new documentary motion picture, MORTON SOBELL: A FILM FOR JUSTICE. The story of the American scientist condemned for 10 years, and also world-wide appeals to free him.

A search for the truth about the Rosenberg-Sobell case by eminent Americans of diverse viewpoints.

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Prof. G. Murray Branch,
International Center, Atlanta

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- Ronald Balfour Bricker
- Dean Donald E. J. MacNamara, N.Y. Institute of Criminology
- Dr. Edward Ward, N.Y. Dist. Atty.
- George Carpenter, Editor, *Amicus*, Cambridge
- Prof. Fred Roselli, Yale Univ.
- Helen and Ross Sobell

WED., FEB. 27 8:15 P.M.,
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Rose Sobell in hospital
NEW YORK, N.Y.

Rose Sobell is now in the hospital undergoing an operation to remove a cataract. I feel that the best way to express good wishes to Rose would be to send a contribution to carry on the work to free her son, Morton.

Contributions may be sent to the Sobell Committee, 940 Broadway, Room D, New York, N.Y.
Margaret Blau

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Evening 6:15 p.m. at Community Church
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The Rosenberg verdict

BROOKLYN, N. Y.

Attorneys for Morton Sobell, and astute questioning by Circuit Court Judge Thurgood Marshall, elicited a major concession Dec. 7 from the U.S. Attorney, in the appeal of Morton Sobell in the Federal Court house in New York. Robert J. Genessee, while arguing against Sobell's plea, conceded that if Ethel Rosenberg's appeal were held now, under fair conditions, particularly in the light of the Supreme Court decision in the Grunewald case (dealing with methods of questioning), her conviction would "probably" have to be reversed (GUARDIAN, Dec. 12). While Mr. Genessee did not extend his concession to cover Julius Rosenberg, it is clear that the reversal would have had to apply to him, too.

It is almost ten years since U.S. Supreme Court Justice Hugo Black protested bitterly on the day of the Rosenbergs' executions, June 19, 1953: "This court has never reviewed this record to determine whether the defendants had received a fair trial." If Justice Black's wisdom had only been heeded, the U.S. would not, now, have the Rosenbergs' lives on its conscience!

The unfairness which victimized the Rosenbergs can never be undone. Their co-defendant Morton Sobell is still around, however, now spending his 13th year in prison at Atlanta Penitentiary in Georgia. Since his "guilt" was predicated upon that of the Rosenbergs, he is entitled to the same reversal which fair play, admittedly, would have required for Julius and Ethel Rosenberg.

A new trial or freedom for Sobell is even more urgent when we recall that Sobell's conviction rested on the totally uncorroborated testimony of only one witness, a confessed perjurer, testifying in hopes of not being punished (he never was) for his own crimes.

Aaron Kait

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HOW DO YOU, THE JURY, FINDS
The Rosenberg-Sobell Case

After 10 Years

See new documentary film: "Morton Sobell, A Man for Justice." Hear: Prof. G. Murray Branch, Rabbi Balfour Brickner, Angus Cameron, Dean Donald E. J. MacNamara, Prof. Fred Kudell, Howard Watt, Henryk Bialowiz, on Wed., Dec. 4, 1963, 8:15 p.m. at Community Church, 49 E. 35 St. Cost: \$1. Tickets at door of Iron Council to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, 940 Broadway, N.Y.C. 10
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APPELLATE DECISION ADMITS FLAW IN THE ROSENBERG CONVICTION

Court rebuffs Sobell, despite new-trial grounds

AN IMPORTANT decision of the ~~Unit~~
U.S. States Court of Appeals Feb. 6,
while denying a new trial to Morton Sobell,
has acknowledged that under the
law as interpreted today the Rosenbergs
and Sobell would be entitled to a new
trial.

In a 29-page opinion Judges Swan,
Friendly and Marshall of the U.S. Second
Circuit Court of Appeals held in the main
that even though there might have been
grounds for challenging aspects of the
trial pertaining to Sobell at the time, it
is too late now and he must remain in
prison.

The decision came as the Sobell com-
mittee was preparing for a public meet-
ing on the theme "How Do You, the
Jury Find?—The Rosenberg-Sobell Case
After 10 Years." The meeting will be at
8:15 p.m. Feb. 27 at Community Church,
40 E. 39th St., New York.

APPEAL PLANNED: The Appellate
Court acknowledged that law laid down
by the Supreme Court since the Rosen-
berg-Sobell trial considers it grossly un-
fair for the prosecution to attack the

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credibility of a defendant because he previously exercised Constitutional rights under the 5th Amendment to questions answered at the trial. It was the same Second Circuit Appeals Court now refusing Sobell's plea that the Supreme Court overruled in the Grunwald case.

The Sobell Committee, hoping the Appeals Court will be overruled again, is taking steps to carry the case to the Supreme Court.

The decision, referring to the way the prosecution attacked Ethel Rosenberg in cross-examination, said that "the inquiry about the prior claim of privilege in regard to questions answered at the trial otherwise than by outright denials—for example those concerning Mrs. Rosenberg's relations with the Greenglasses and her consultation with her lawyer—would fall under the analysis made by the majority in Grunwald."

If the question had been raised in direct appeal earlier to show that Sobell's trial was unfair the court said in effect, his appeal might have prevailed. But to raise the question now under technical

requirements of the law, he must show a Constitutional violation, the court contends, and "any constitutional implications must be limited to the person whose claim of privilege was later used against him."

The court noted that "there is an inevitable attraction" in the position that a person convicted of a serious crime should receive a new trial whenever a later decision of the highest court indicates that with the benefit of hindsight, a different course should have been followed at his trial in any consequential respect." But the Judges hold that such steps would both cause interminable litigation and impair the government.

The Sobell Committee commented: "There certainly is an inevitable attraction to the principle of righting a wrong. America now has benefit of hindsight. But this hindsight can't bring back the Rosenbergs to life. The courts know this, and that is the crux of the twisting and dodging in an effort to protect the verdict at all costs. The same can be said of



MORTON SOBELL
As he appeared at Christmas, 1962

the court's 'too late' argument rejecting Sobell's claims that the trial judge unfairly permitted him to be swept along under wartime accusations and sentence when there was no evidence to support this.

A letter to Morton Sobell

A Los Angeles reader has sent the GUARDIAN the following letter:

DEAR MORTON SOBELL: Seeing your picture in the Feb. 23 GUARDIAN, I note that you, too, are aging. We are both showing our 40-odd years. I am deeply disappointed that your last ten have been so bitter, or should I say so bitterly unkind to you. You haven't been bitter, though; well you might.

I have to tell you something else. Last week one of the gentlemen who wear hats, who come in pairs so often, telephoned me. I am a public school employee, subject to all sorts of oaths and special rulings. I was asked about a friend who is in jeopardy of various sorts. I declined, gently but firmly to talk to the nice man about him. The caller said, "You signed a loyalty oath?" I replied, "Of course!" Of course I did! The nice man said, "I thought that being a public employee you'd prefer to cooperate." I said, gently, "No, I think not at all." He said, gently too, "This will be part of the record, that you refuse to cooperate." I agreed, "Yes, I suppose it will."

All the time I was thinking that loss of job the possible follow-up—this person refused to cooperate with THE government agency, surely you don't want this person, the reaction of my conservative community, all the things that have happened to so many—I thought of you and the brave, beautiful Rosenbergs. I thought how contemptible of me to even be gently polite when the CIA is rampaging again and Betancourt's appearance is setting off a train leading to the war we just dodged. I thought how minor my job loss would be compared to your ordeal.

I thank you for steadying my voice and resolve in a nasty moment. Life begins at 40. I am aging and wrinkling, as I think you are too, but by 40 one is no longer prey to slings and arrows, for we have chosen our fates by this time. I applaud and thank you for your choice.

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A Puritan home cooked
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Park Manor, 607 S. Western Av.
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June 19, 1953

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June 19 is the 10th anniversary of the shameful execution of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg. Most of us feel the trial was fabricated for political considerations and that they were wholly innocent of the charges. The world's conscience of the world demonstrated massively in 1953 for clemency.

June, 1963, must not pass without a mass demonstration in Washington, D.C. The demand should be raised for a posthumous exoneration of the Rosenbergs and for the immediate release of Morton Sowell, still in prison.

Readers of the NATIONAL GUARDIAN are exhorted to plan public meetings and demonstrations in their home towns. Those who are interested in a mass demonstration in Washington should write to the GUARDIAN expressing their interest and ideas.

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Sobell asks high court
to review case first time

THE UNITED STATES Supreme Court has been asked by Morton Sobell, still battling to prove his innocence in his 13th year of imprisonment on a charge of conspiracy to commit espionage, to break with its past refusal to hear his case and review it for the first time.

The latest appeal, filed April 6 by counsel for Sobell, is from a Feb. 6 decision of the U.S. Second Circuit Court of Appeals. Admitting that Ethel Rosenberg, if she had not been executed, might have been able to have her trial voided as unfair under Supreme Court rulings since the execution, the Appeals Court denied Sobell the right to a new trial. The court said the legal point in question was raised too late.

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Hold this wire.
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Dr. Donald E. Nansen,
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You are invited to Film Showing
"MORTON BORRELL-A PLEA FOR
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Sun. May 10, 1970 at Main Hall
Brighton Center, 3200 Coney Island Av.
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Speaker: HELEN BORRELL
Guitarist & Pkg Show: DAVE SEGAL
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Julius and Ethel Rosenberg Memorial
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Stephensons, 10th and 11th, Morris-
ton, Sobell — A Picnic for Justice.
Tickets and information: Sobell Comm.
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Rev. Rev. Erwin A. Gehrke, First Unitarian Church of Ann Arbor, on the current efforts to free Morton S. B. Bernstein, documentary film "Morton Bernstein: A Plan for Justice," Fri., May 24, 8 P.M., Dibbs Hall, 2273 Woodward. Ausp: Friends of the Night Socialist Forum.

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Int. Criminalist, speaks Sun. May 26
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215 Chestnut St. Also shows the
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Guitarist & Folk Singer: DAVE SAGAL
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THE ROSENBERG-SCHILL CASE
DONALD ROSENBERG, 31, of 100-12th St., Bronx, N.Y.
Inst. Criminologist, speaks at a meeting at 8:30
8 p.m. sharp, First Unitarian Church,
2123 Chestnut St. Also showing of new
documentary film. Refreshments. Dona-
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Room, the Towne House, Market & 8th
Street and coffee \$1.50. Hear the Rev.
Stephen Friedman and see film "The
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work of the people of the Bay Area. For
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The Rosenbergs Were Killed
But TRUTH Must Live

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Sobell Is Imprisoned
He Must Be FREED

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10th Year Meeting

near Dr. Harold Urey

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Songs

Dramatic Presentation

ADMISSION 50¢

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SAT., JUNE 15, 2 P.M.

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SUN., JUNE 16, 1 P.M.

Memorial Tribute
Wellwood Cemetery
Pinelawn, N.Y.

10th Anniversary of
Rosenberg Execution

For Carnegie Tickets
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IN CHICAGO:

Wed., June 19, 8:15 p.m.
Victorian Room
PALMER HOUSE

IN LOS ANGELES:

Wed., June 19, 8 p.m.
CHANNING HALL
4930 Wilshire St.

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IN SAN FRANCISCO:

Friday, June 21, 8 p.m.
Garden Room
Del Webb's TOWNEHOUSE
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July 19, 1953: Ten years after the death of the Rosenbergs

The NATIONAL GUARDIAN stands in horror and shame before the crime committed by the United States government—a crime which stains America's name before the world; which writes the date "June 19, 1953," in mourning black for future generations—mourning for the hope and glory that America once meant to humanity. The hope and the glory will come again. The heroism of the two who have gone to their death is the testimony of that.

—Editorial in the GUARDIAN, June 22, 1953

THE MEMORY OF THE NIGHT the lines above were written is engraved forever in the mind of this writer. The staff was spread around the city and in Washington covering the late developments as the clock ticked the last hours of the lives of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg. The paper was ready for the press—all except page one and the editorial page. All that was needed was a "new lead" to the story which we dreaded writing. It was hours past press time, but as the clock moved toward 8 that Friday night, the printer was with us in the little office above the composing room. "Don't worry about overtime," he said, and he sat down to listen with Cedric Belfrage, John T. Mc-
Mains and me to the radio bulletins.

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The last bulletin finally came. I went down with the printer to the composing room and wrote the two-word heading: ROSENBERGS EXECUTED. In a race with God, the government had managed to pull the switch minutes before the beginning of the Jewish Sabbath; it would have been unseemly after sundown.

This week marks the tenth anniversary of the death of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, convicted on a charge of conspiracy to commit espionage, and the 13th year in prison for Morton Sobell, serving a 30-year term on a similar charge. From the first issue in which the GUARDIAN began to shatter the conspiracy of silence that surrounded this case—Aug. 15, 1951, with a series of articles by William A. Reuben—we have been persuaded of the innocence of the Rosenbergs and Sobell.

It was the GUARDIAN's articles which sparked a world-wide protest campaign, exceeding even that of the Tom Mooney case and the Sacco-Vanzetti tragedy. The campaign did not succeed; that is clear. The decision to kill the Rosenbergs was a political one. That was manifest in the attitude of two Cold War Presidents—Truman and Eisenhower—who refused clemency; of the Judge and the prosecutor who have since been rewarded by promotion; of the press which was

hot on the scent of burning flesh; and of a ~~Chief~~ Justice of the Supreme Court—a Truman huck named Fred Vinson who put down a courageous 11th-hour move by Justice William O. Douglas to preserve the integrity of the court.

WHAT IF THE CAMPAIGN did not succeed in saving ~~the~~ the lives of the Rosenbergs, it riveted the spotlight of world opinion on a government and its policies which one day must face a day of reckoning for its distortion of the democratic process.

The June 29, 1953, issue of the GUARDIAN was taken up entirely with reports of the execution and its aftermath. Ten thousand persons jammed into Union Square in New York as the bell tolled the hour of death. In Washington 13,000 picketed the White House. In London and Paris and other capitals of the world, thousands more demonstrated. Headings from the New York Herald Tribune (same day, same page) reproduced in the GUARDIAN read: "Eisenhower Rules Rosenbergs Must Die; Got 'Full Justice' for 'Most Serious Crime,'" and "Eisenhower Practices His Golf on Grounds of the White House."

In Brooklyn's Flatbush section July 1 more than

12,000 persons came to the funeral, despite the fact that the police in ~~surveillance~~ ^{surveillance} manner had taken over the area with ~~hundreds~~ ^{hundreds} of uniformed men, and authorities declared that subversive squads would take down the license-plate numbers of all cars in the area.

It remained for Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois, standing bare-headed in the 94-degree heat, to pronounce a nine-word eulogy as the bodies were lowered into the grave at Laurelawn Cemetery in Long Island—a eulogy which is a profound judgment of our time. He said: "These people were killed because they would not lie."

"THE ROSENBERGS ARE DEAD but their case will never die unless the truth has fully been told. In the intervening years, more and more people of troubled conscience have made inquiry and come forward as witnesses to a gross injustice. They have found that the convictions were based not on documentary evidence but on the testimony of a strange brother and a friend who is a self-confessed praiser "scared to death" of government prosecution. They have found that the Supreme Court, in the words of Justice Black, "has never reviewed the record and has never affirmed the fairness of the trial." They are aware of new evidence which screams "Fraud" and of an Appeals Court decision which acknowledged that under current interpretation of the law the trial of Ethel Rosenberg would have been considered unfair. Legally speaking, this decision said, it would not be too late for Ethel Rosenberg to raise the point—if she were alive.

She is not alive because there had to be sacrifices to maintain the Big Lie of the Cold War; the threat of communism. Judge Kaufman, in his infamous judgment, attributed to the Rosenbergs at least 50,000 dead Americans in the Korean War as a result of their alleged passing to the Russians of "secret" information (which the Russians had published in scientific papers in 1940, ten years earlier). The Big Lie is still the cornerstone of U.S. policy. In the years since 1953 there have been many sacrifices—not so final, but harsh and painful—to this lie. Let it be recalled that the GUARDIAN's founding editor Cedric Belfrage was arrested and held for deportation just one month before the Rosenbergs died, and that a ~~subsequent~~ ^{subsequent} fight in the same courts that rejected the Rosenberg-Sobell appeals was equally unavailing.

OUT IF THE ROSENBERGS ARE DEAD, Morton Sobell is alive —a more accurate description would be "buried alive" and he remains a living testament to the distortion of justice in the Rosenberg case. During the 1960 Presidential campaign, John F. Kennedy and his associates indicated in meetings with Sobell petitioners that they would seek a full review of the case. After the election, nothing happened.

Last April Sobell's attorneys asked the U.S. Supreme Court to break with its past refusal to hear his case and to review it for the first time.

Thus there is still hope of vindication in the highest court, and it would be an appropriate tribute to Justices Douglas and Black, who fought so valiantly to see that justice was done in the Rosenberg case.

There is also hope of even earlier action—a medical parole for Sobell, despite Judge Kaufman's vindictive request that he never be granted parole. Sobell, suffering from a severe internal disorder, has been transferred from Atlanta penitentiary to the federal medical prison at Springfield, Mo. He had expected to be shifted to Lewisburg in Pennsylvania. His last letters to his wife Helen, indicated a turmoil of anxiety and hope that he dare not express.

"How are your summer plans? In a sense they should not be unrelated to what has taken place—only I don't know what has taken place yet. It may be the last letter you wrote to Washington is what altered the original plans for sending me to Lewisburg.

"I'll tell you a joke. At work I had just rewound a transformer for a power supply for a magnetism chuck I had built and I was trying it out—setting it up to see what the temperature rise would be—when I got a pass to go up to the Lieutenant's office. P.S. I never got back to check the temperature rise. You remember Brecht's play, *A Man's A Man?* He leaves the house to get a fish for his wife? ... I love thee, my beloved wife."

Brecht's man never came back with the fish. Morton Sobell looks with longing to the freedom of a family waiting with love. If he is released, it will be because of this love, and because of the devotion of countless thousands of persons in this country and abroad who have never lost faith that the hope and glory will come to America again.

—James Aronson

~~+~~ Rosenberg memorial meetings set

PUBLIC MEETINGS will take place in five major cities next week to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the execution of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg and to protest the continued imprisonment of Morton Sobell. The Sobell Committee, 940 Broadway, New York 10, N.Y., AL 4-9933, sponsor of the meetings, urges individuals to participate.

Events begin at 2 p.m. June 15 with a You're Appeal and demonstration outside the White House. Persons wishing to join should contact the committee immediately. At 1 p.m. June 16, a memorial tribute to the Rosenbergs will be offered at Woodlawn Cemetery, Bronx, N.Y.

On June 19, tenth anniversary of the execution, public meetings will be conducted in New York, Chicago and Los Angeles. The New York event, beginning

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at 8 p.m. at Carnegie Hall, will feature a talk by Dr. Harold Urey, the Nobel Prize-winning scientist who helped lead the fight to spare the Rosenbergs and to free Sobell. In addition, there will be a filmed interview with Bertrand Russell, songs and a dramatic presentation. Tickets, available at the door or through the Sobell Committee, are \$1.

The Chicago meeting will begin at 8:15 p.m. in Palmer House. In Los Angeles, the meeting begins at 8 p.m. at Channing Hall, 2236 West 8th St. (Call HO 4-4725 for information.)

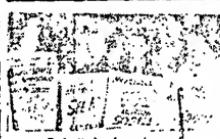
Last of the public meetings will be at 8 p.m. June 21 at the Townhouse, Market & 8th St., San Francisco. (WA 1-8464). Meetings also will be held the 19th in Amsterdam, Berlin and Paris. A demonstration will be conducted in London outside the American Embassy the same day.

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WE MUST NOT FORGET:
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Wednesday, June 19, 8 P.M., Chamber of Commerce Hall,
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MEMO PARK, CALIF.

Your mother is still on the
Roanoke as of 1951. At least
15, 1953, and long before that
before me. At the time of
your birth, you were the
mother of 1,000,000,000
babies, the product of 1,000,000,000
mothers, everywhere. And a few
years later, I partook of 1,000,000,000
babies, the product of 1,000,000,000
mothers.

The rest of violence is my in-
evitability. But our government
let it be confess that, National
and parents, confidence yet
lives in people still, because
our acts of violence, of ex-
tortion, deserve all our professed
honor. It is hard to feel that
such acts of violence, of ex-
tortion, deserve all our professed
honor.

For instance, under General Wood's
command, to 600 helpless men,
women and children of the Moro
tribe in the Philippines. There
"savages," as they were called,
had resisted U.S. rule. The 600
took refuge in a mountain crater
50 feet deep. Wood said they
must be exterminated. In four
days, the 600 were runned
down the Moros to the last (was
it a child, perhaps?) Four long
days of slaughter, about 125 a
day. Our troops were praised for
their brilliant victory!

And even at this moment we
revisit the Vietnamese and
brutally kill nonviolent
people.

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YELLIN CONTEMPT CONVICTION REVERSED

High court denies new hearing to Sobell

Special to the *Guardian*

WASHINGTON

THE SUPREME COURT has again refused to grant a new hearing to Morton Sobell, who has served 13 years of a 30-year sentence on conviction on charges of conspiring to commit espionage. Sobell, now imprisoned at the Federal Medical Center at Springfield, Ill., has maintained his innocence since he was first indicted with Ethel and Julius Rosenberg. He will make another bid for freedom July 27, when the Parole Board meets to decide on a new application for release.

Among other decisions handed down June 17, the court:

- Reversed the contempt-of-Congress conviction of Edward Yellin by a 5-4 decision. The court ruled that HUAC had violated its own rules by refusing consideration to Yellin's request for an executive session before he was questioned in open session about alleged Communist associations. Commenting on the decision,

Yellin, researcher at the University of Illinois, said he hoped it will help guarantee the rights of Americans "to protest and advocate." Yellin will address a victory celebration in New York July 2 (see ad page 4).

- Blocked the deportation of Jose Maria Gastelum-Quinones, a U.S. resident since 1920, to his native Mexico. In a 5-4 decision, the court said the government failed to produce sufficient evidence to support the deportation order, which was based on the grounds that he joined the Communist Party after his entry.

- Decided that Henry Winston, former Communist Party organizational secretary, could sue the United States for \$1 million damage on the basis of his claim that he suffered total blindness because of negligence while he was serving in federal prison. The 5-4 decision supported a previous ruling by the Court of Appeals.

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UREY AIDS FIGHT FOR SOBELL

2,500 at N.Y. meeting honor *Ethel and Julius Rosenberg*

TEN YEARS SEPARATED the 2,500 persons in Carnegie Hall from the man and woman who were legally murdered June 19, 1953. But when Helen Sobell called for a moment of silence to commemorate the deaths of Julius Rosenberg and his wife, Ethel, the pain of that tragic day ten years ago was reborn.

"On this night ten years ago the Justice Department offered to ... the lives of Ethel and Julius if they said they were guilty of espionage," Mrs. Sobell said. "Because they would not lie they were killed. They would not buy their lives with lies, or use themselves for the destruction of others, ... I ask you for a moment of silence."

The silence, the memories, seemed unbearable. Then Mrs. Sobell resumed speaking "Out of this moment must come a time of action ..."

INNOCENT: Dr. Harold Urey, the atomic

scientist who worked tirelessly on behalf of the Rosenbergs and their co-defendant, Morton Sobell, traveled across the country to address the memorial meeting: "These people were innocent ... Morton Sobell has suffered enough ..." Gesturing to the Sobell family sitting to his left on the stage, Urey said: "I have flown across the United States to speak here tonight because you cannot let such people down."

The Nobel-prize winning scientist left for Washington the next day to urge the U.S. Parole Board to release Sobell, now serving his 13th year in federal prison for a crime that he and a multitude of sympathizers say he did not commit. Sobell was sentenced to 30 years on a charge of conspiracy to commit espionage, the "crime" for which the Rosenbergs were executed.

NO SECRET EVIDENCE: At the Carnegie Hall meeting, Helen Sobell made public a statement by former Attorney General Herbert Brownell denying that secret evidence existed to prove the guilt of the Rosenbergs. In a recent book about the Eisenhower Administration, Brownell is said to have assured President Eisenhower that this evidence was available to the Justice Department when the President showed hesitation about going through with the execution. In addition, Mrs. Sobell revealed that another book will be published in a few months which, she said, will prove the innocence of the three defendants.

Also announced was an appeal sent to President Kennedy by the Chief Rabbi of Israel, Yis'hak Nissim, and four other leading Israelis, including philosopher Martin Buber, urging Sobell's release.

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Call to a crusade

ALTADENA, CALIF.

The GUARDIAN is a crusading paper and we are proud to be among its many active supporters. The passage of the Civil Rights Bill warrants a crusade of crusades—like you carried on for the Rosenbergs and have waged for Morton Sobell. This bill was placed before Congress by the heroic struggle of the Negro people of the South, which you have hailed. Your readers are leaders among the freedom fighters. Call them to action!

We have the historic honor and the moral duty to help carry out the 100-year promise of the Emancipation Proclamation, and to prevent further brutality and terror against all freedom fighters. Dr. King says the revolutionary energy of the Negro people is being driven back into a tunnel—we must help it find release in achievement of equal rights.

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BOSTON

"MORTON SOHLL-A Plea for Justice"
Mrs. Yvonne Suni speaking on new
developments in the Sohll case. JEWISH
PEOPLES FORUM, Morton St., Dorchester,
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The Rev.
Fred
Shuttlesworth
(right), Negro
liberation
leader, at the
GUARDIAN's
dinner Nov. 26.
He was one
of the main
speakers.
Below are
Sir Robert
Lifson-Wain,
one of the
developers of
radar, and
Helen Sobell,
guests at the
bimonthly
event.



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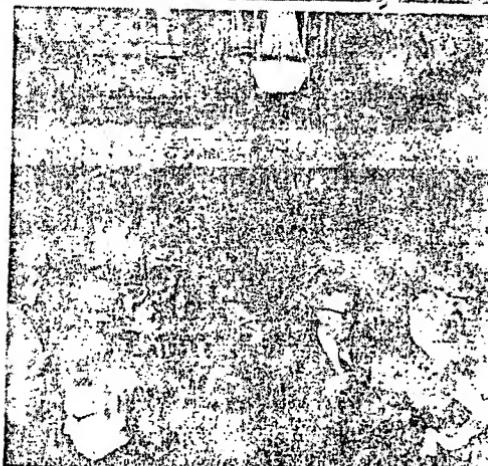
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A record crowd turned out for the occasion

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MORTON SOBELL
Plea based on innocence

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PARDON CAMPAIGN IS ON

A visit with Sobell

This story by Helen Sobell describes a pilgrimage she and her son Mark, 14, made to the Prison Medical Center at Springfield, Mo., to visit Morton Sobell. Sobell is serving his 14th year in prison on charges of conspiring to commit espionage, after conviction in 1951, with Ethel and Julius Rosenberg. The Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, which has campaigned in the past to win freedom for Sobell on humanitarian grounds or because of doubts raised, has now begun circulating petitions urging a full pardon on the ground of innocence. The committee needs workers and funds and signatures. Its address is Sobell Committee, 940 Broadway, New York 10. The phone is AL 4-9983.

By Helen Sobell

VISITING HOURS at the Prison Medical Center, in Springfield, Mo., are from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. and from 1 to 4 p.m. The prison is three miles from town and there is no public transportation. For those who have no cars, taxis are available for \$1.25 each way to and from Springfield. Sometimes visitors sit in the waiting room for the 2½ hours between visiting periods.

The visiting room itself is about 40 feet wide where the guard sits at their table, and about 20 in the part farthest from them. The seats are arranged in groups. In every case a low coffee table separates the single seat of the prisoner from his visitors. It is permitted to kiss at the beginning and end of the visit, one may hold hands across the table, but it is forbidden to sit side by side.

The visitors themselves were diverse. Morton introduced us to the family of a conscientious objector before we left that morning. We saw the mink-coated young wife of a notorious racketeer, meet her husband as he came in in his wheelchair. Another wife with two small girls came to see her labor-organizer husband, who had refused to work on his chief object pover-

ty and pooh elegance were represented.

My 14-year-old son Mark patiently waited through the first two-hour visit while Morton and I talked about the family, the committee, Mark's school, Morton's health, and the various greetings that had been sent. For the afternoon, however, Mark came armed with his Amateur's Radio Handbook. He and Morty had been corresponding for weeks about their plan of doing some studying together.

When Mark handed the book to the guard to get it okayed, he was shocked to learn that it could not be taken into the visiting room.

The next day Mark had agreed that most of the morning should be devoted to discussion between Morty and me. He brought a book along to read, "Microlite Hunters." When he asked the guard if he could take it in to use for himself, the guard misunderstood and, after checking with his superior, said it was all right for Mark to show the book to his father. Mark didn't say a word, but as soon as this visit was over we dashed back to the motel to get the Amateur Radio Handbook. This time there was no question. The book went in.

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had 20 hours of visiting, since the usual eight per month had an extra added because of Christmas, and we were permitted to take the January time a little early. For all the previous years we had only been permitted two hours each month. This was a whole year's visiting for us, in six days.

Afterward Morty wrote in his first letter, "It may be silly of me, but somehow I feel that this visit will alter our relationship. No, dearest, not in any overt fashion, but the fact that we could talk at length in such almost normal fashion will, I feel, make itself felt some way.

"But, of course, more than my relation with thee, I believe that my relation with Mark will take on new meaning. We never had the advantage, he and I, of a relationship prior to my imprisonment. Thus all he knew of me, and I of him, was what took place between us during those few hours spent together during the visits.

"What impression did I get this time? I can't really say. After all, one must evaluate in terms of other 14 year olds, and I don't know what other 14 year olds are like. Of course I like him, and I'd give my right arm to be put there with him. He means as much to me as you do my love.

"I am overjoyed that the case is coming re-fight on the only legitimate issue—innocence. Perhaps we will lose some support, but at least for me it will be honest. (Not that the other was dishonest, but it lacked the purity which I value over all.) I hope others will see it in this light."

DEADLINE OF LIFE: Again and again, at the start of each visiting period, and as we went on to each difference subject, Morty would come back to the need for the fight to be on the basis of his innocence.

"We must not be worn down by the long years. We must not be pushed into a defensive role. If we are to survive the next period the strength must come from dignity and integrity. Remember, there is a deadline for us of life, not of death. Unlike Sacco and Vanzetti, unlike Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, there will come a time when the gate will unlock, and I will be free. I do no more than any ordinary man should do when I protect my name and honor. Every man does as much when he takes his stand against injustice. Who can take from anyone that living pride which is a remembrance of the vigils, the petitions, the meetings for Mooney and Billings, for Sacco and Vanzetti, for the Rosenbergs, yes, and even for me!"



HELEN AND MARK SOBELL
The visit marked a turning point



COOPER UNION • GREAT HALL

Astor Place, New York City

THURS., APRIL 23 8-10:30 P.M.
Admission by one FULL PARDON PETITION
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Friday, April 10, 1964
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Cooper Union, Great Hall-Astor Place
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Special Attraction!
at the New York Citizens'
FULL PARDON MEETING
for Morton Sobell
April 23, 1964 • 8 P.M.
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PHIL OCHS
Elektra-Vanguard recording artist,
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Tickets \$1 at
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Vote for N.Y. Citizens' Full Pardon for Morton Sobell

Program

"I Believe Morton Sobell Innocent"
Prof. Fred Rodell
Yale Law School
Barrows Dunham
Author

Acceptance of N.Y. Citizens' Full Pardon
to Morton Sobell by:
Rose Sobell, mother Mrs. Morton Sobell

COOPER UNION • Great Hall
Astor Place, New York City

THURSDAY APRIL 23 • 8 to 10:30 P.M.

Admission by one FULL PARDON PETITION with six
signatures, or Contribution of \$1

SOBELL COMMITTEE
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For full facts on Sobell case please write or phone.

Walter Rauschenbach
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2,000 sign petitions for Sobell pardoning

PUBLIC SUPPORT is building for a full pardon for Morton Sobell, imprisoned 13 years on an espionage charge, based on his innocence. The Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell has announced that more than 2,000 persons have signed a petition demanding the scientist's release from federal jail.

In addition, Carl Damso, president of ILWU Local 142 in Hawaii, has sent a letter to President Johnson on behalf of the local's 22,000 members urging a full pardon for Sobell. "Morton Sobell has protested his innocence through more

than 13 years of imprisonment," he wrote. "He was tried and sentenced during a period of great Cold-War tension. Many eminent persons in the U.S. and abroad have found the evidence wanting, questioned the fairness of the trial and voiced shock at the extreme cruelty of the 30-year sentence. We believe it is time to remove this burden of doubt from the conscience of our nation."

The Sobell Committee is sponsoring a "full pardon" meeting for Sobell at Cooper Union, New York, at 8 p.m. April 23. Admission is \$1 or a completed petition with six signatures. Prof. Fred Rodell of Yale Law School will speak. Folk singer Paul Ochs will entertain.

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Speaker at Sobell meeting

PROFESSOR Fred Rodell of Yale will address the New York Citizens' Full Pardon for Morton Sobell meeting to be held at 8 p.m. April 23 at the Cooper Union, New York. Rodell has stated he believes Sobell, now in his 14th year of imprisonment on espionage conspiracy charges, is innocent. Information is available from the Sobell Committee, 940 Broadway, New York (AL 4-9983).

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Hear Nobel Prize Winner

HAROLD C. UREY speak on
"The Innocence of Morton Sobell"

Entertainment by "The Committee"

MAY 15, 7:45 P.M. SIR FRANCIS DRAKE HOTEL

Reservations: WA 1-8464 • Donation \$1

Bay Area Sobell Committees, 345 Franklin St., S.F.

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Sobell fund plea
NEW YORK, N.Y.
The New York Citizens Full Pardon Meeting for Morton Sobell at Cooper Union April 23 was well attended. The "Full Pardon" campaign on the basis of complete innocence has now been launched with 3,000 individual signatures and the 22,000-member Local 142 of the ILWU participating.

We were prevented from collecting funds at the meeting by a phone call from "outraged citizens" to the authorities. No prohibition of a collection had appeared in our contract nor had we been advised of such earlier. This has created a problem for us in terms of survival and carrying on the work. We trust that our friends will help us to dig out of this hole by sending contributions now to the Sobell Committee, 940 Broadway, N.Y.C. 14.

Helen L. Sobell

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Memorial service June 14
at graves of Rosenbergs

ELEVEN YEARS after the execution of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, in June, 1953, memorial services by those seeking to free Morton Sobell will be held at the Rosenberg graves at Wellwood Cemetery, Pincelawn, L.I., at 1 p.m. Sunday, June 14.

Those who plan to drive from New York to the cemetery can go via the following routes to the grave site (Plot G-12, Block 5): Long Island Expressway to Exit 44-S Grand Central, then Northern State Parkway to Exit 40, Southern State Parkway to Exit 35. (Cemetery is on Wellwood Ave.) Long Island R.R. trains stop at Pincelawn, where a cemetery bus meets all Sunday trains.

A special bus will leave at 10:30 a.m. from the front of the Sobell Committee office, 940 Broadway (at 22nd St.). Reservations may be made by calling AL 4-

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Remember the Rosenbergs

"Always remember that we were innocent and could not wrong our consciences."

—Julius and Ethel Rosenberg June, 1953

DECEMBER 26, 1952

"...for 22 days and nights the White House vigil continued. On January 5 the line swelled to 3,000 persons. Later, in those crucial days of that final week in June, the line became 15,000."

JUNE 14, 1964

ON SUNDAY, JUNE 14, at 1 p.m., friends of the Rosenbergs will gather at Wallwood Cemetery, Pinelawn, N.Y., Plot C-12, Block 5. Buses will leave from the Sobell Committee office, 940 Broadway at 22nd St., at 10:30 a.m. Autos take Long Island Expressway, exit 495, proceed on service road to 2nd traffic light, which is Pinelawn Road; turn right, cross tracks—cemetery is on left. For bus reservations please phone AL 4-9983.

For history, will you join us in placing a rose of love and life on their graves?

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MEMORIAL Ethel and Julius Rosenberg.
Title: Bus pilgrimage to
WELLWOOD CEMETERY
PINELAWN, L.I.
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Bus leaves from (Bobell) Committee, 840
Lex. corner 22 St. NYC, 10:30 a.m.
Call AL 4-9843 for inform. & reserv.

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SOBELL'S STILL IN PRISON, AND THE AMERICAN MILLIONS ARE STILL SILENT

Man on the conscience of a

Cold-War nation

MEXICO CITY
CRISES COME, and crises go; but the planet remains somehow or other intact, despite our vows to blow it up if people we don't like insist on contaminating it by their presence, and the postman continues on his rounds. One day he delivers a reminder to us from our own world of living dead. It is about a single human being who haunts us—Morton Sobell.

The mimeo from New York breaks into our optimistic musings about how far we have advanced out of "McCarthyism." It reminds us that Sobell is now in his 15th year behind bars out of the 30 to which he was sentenced in the Rosenberg-Sobell trial. After five years in Alcatraz, he was moved to Atlanta "following world-wide appeals"; then to Springfield, Mo., because of "poor health" requiring hospitalization, and now to a new cell at Lewisburg, Pa. The drawn-out agony inflicted upon this good man is recapitulated and brought up-to-date in an almost impassive "release"-style prose that shatters the heart. His wife Helen, who has given up her life for him, comments, "The transfer closer to home will ease the burden of travel that our family has borne for so many years. We hope this step means that we are a bit closer to the only goal we can accept in this disgraceful case—the long-overdue complete freedom of my innocent husband."

"More than 7,000," the release adds, "have signed a petition to President Johnson asking Sobell's release." There is something infinitely sad in that "more than." The petition campaign is led by Dr. Harold C. Urey, who has fearlessly stuck his neck out from the start of the Rosenberg-Sobell outrage. The only other Americans of world eminence listed as signers are Linus Pauling and Reinhold Niebuhr.

THOSE OF US who have moments to spare for pity and anger should face the situation frankly. Sobell is insisting that he will accept nothing less than recognition of his innocence; he rejects in advance any compromise to get out of hell. What odds would a shrewd bookmaker quote against his chance of freedom on these terms?

Let us not forget—Sobell and his family assuredly do not—what he is in jail for, and what Ethel and Julius Rosenberg died for. Not for "atom spying"; few, if any, with the trial record, even believed that. Not

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HELEN SOBELL AND HER SON MARK

Morton Sobell's prison is nearer now.

was for refusing to "confess," to break down and offer themselves in cringing sacrifice to the Cold-War Mo-
loch. And this is what Sobell still refuses to do. He
will die on his feet clutching the bars rather than live
"free" on his knees.

We should realize that the Sobell case is the bar-
ometer par excellence of America's domestic Cold
War, whose atmospheric pressure rises or falls with
that of the global Cold War. If the whole pressure
were reduced, his chances of returning to life would
improve. Thus to a large extent his fate hangs on
events across the earth in Indo-China. Each action
for peace is an action to right this unspeakable wrong
to the man in Lewisburg and the woman in New York.
AS LONG AS the pressure remains high, their chances
depend entirely on the number and standing of those
Americans who will stand up and be counted: only
the political power of a multitude, with prestige at its
head, can prevail. No praise is adequate for the gal-
lantry and persistence with which Helen Sobell has
labored to stir America's conscience. But an American
imprisoned "or" the time of

self-respect, with 15 more to go, and 7,000 odd who
his 180 million fellow citizens have signed the petition.
And probably the great majority of the
7,000 is "politically sympathetic" to Sobell, although
this is a case of what we once used to call simple tur-
pice.

Presumably one reason rank-and-file signers are so
pitifully few is that the eminent Americans of our day
—the "names," above all the intellectuals—have sim-
ply abdicated. This is the fact that has dismally
other nations ever since the Rosenbergs were un-
dered against a roar of protest from around the world,
including the Vatican: a roar from everywhere ex-
cept the U.S. itself, where there was only an infur-
ated murmur from unknowns and political lepers.
Where were the American Nobel Prize winners, the
Hemingways, the Faulkners, the Steinbecks, the
Carl Sandburgs and Arthur Millers? Where were the
great American scientists, with the exception of Grey?
The multimillionaires of Hollywood, the theologians,
the distinguished statesmen, the "crusading" editors,
the renowned sportsmen, the philosophers?
They did not care—or if they did, they dared not
say so. And this, no matter how invulnerable to the
witch-hunt their fame and fortune made them. What
they had or have to fear is so little that it compares
against the eminent citizens of Germany after 1933 be-
come heroes.

THAT IS HOW the "great Americans" still look to the
outside world today. Let the little man, with a little
vulnerable job, carry the torch for justice. Let Sobell
rot in Alcatraz, Atlanta, Lewisburg. It doesn't matter.
"I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come."
The world will believe that McCarthy is dead
when 100 American "names" appear on the Sobell
petition among scores of thousands of John and Jane
Does. Until then, as Morton Sobell writes to his sister
from Lewisburg:

"So now you have a new number to remember.
Numbers, numbers, numbers, so many have I had.
Tomorrow I go through the process again. It's really
strange how societies have such different rules—and
how necessary these must seem to some—in order to
function properly. It's not unlike a myth, in that
causal connection is seen, where none exists."

Cedric Belfrage

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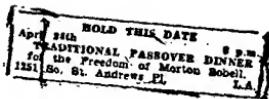
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Cedric Belfrage's article on the Morton Sobell case (GUARDIAN, March 20) presents in the most lucid terms a challenge to all Americans. Rabbi Balfour Brickner, director of the Joint Commission on Interfaith Activities of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, stated, in February, 1963, at the Community Church, that Morton Sobell "cannot be a forgotten man unless we want to forget about justice."

Last week a full two-column ad asking for freedom for Sobell based on his innocence appeared in the New York Times. The Sobell Committee wishes to repeat this ad in the Washington Post and other newspapers. Readers of the GUARDIAN can help financially to make it possible to place these ads.

Please mail contributions to: Sobell Committee, 150 Fifth Ave., New York City.

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\$5.50 includes dinner, dancing
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Phone: 343-6030.

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Woodstock Hotel, 137 W. 42 St.
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*Kunstler speaks May 21
at Sobell meeting in S.F.*

WILLIAM KUNSTLER, New York Civil Liberties attorney, and Rabbi Julius Leibert will address a meeting May 21 at the Sir Francis Drake Hotel in San Francisco, sponsored by the Bay Area Council to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell.

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Hear: William Kunstler
Nationally known New York attorney,
speak on the latest moves to

**FREE
MORTON SOBELL**

Hear: Rabbi Leibert
Former chaplain at Alcatraz

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Fri., May 21st, 8 P.M.
Sir Francis Drake Hotel

Donation \$1.75

**Bay Area Sobell Committee
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mattresses, drapes, lamps, kitchen utensils
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Colonial Room
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MIRIAM AND WALTER Schneir, authors of Invitation to an Inquest, the new book on the Rosenberg-Sobell case, will be honored at a "Banquet for Freedom," Saturday, Nov. 20, at 6:30 p.m. at the Hotel Sheraton-Atlantic, Broadway & 34th St., N.Y. Tickets at \$12.50 per person are available from 150 Fifth Ave., N.Y.C. Telephone: 243-6063.

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New legal move in Sobell case

THE FEDERAL District Court in New York City has been asked to terminate a 16-year secrecy surrounding a reputed drawing of the atom bomb, a crucial piece of evidence impounded in the 1951 trial which sent Ethel and Julius Rosenberg to the electric chair and their co-defendant Morton Sobell to prison for 30 years.

Attorneys for Sobell have demanded access to the sketch made by David Greenglass, Mrs. Rosenberg's brother, as a preliminary move to a full-scale assault on the prosecution's case against the Rosenbergs and Sobell in which, they charge, "the government fabricated and knowingly, willfully, intentionally and deliberately utilized false and perjurious testimony and documents."

IMPOUNDING of the Greenglass drawing, the Sobell attorneys state, left the impression that it contained "a scientific secret of enormous proportion" and "the prejudicial nature of this impression... can hardly be underestimated."

The move was made March 28 before Judge Thomas Murphy by New York attorneys William M. Kunstler and Marshall Perlin, who are associated with Arthur Kinoy of New York, Benjamin O. Dreyfus of San Francisco and Malcolm Sharp of Albuquerque, N.M. The government asked for a two-week postponement to clear release of the material with the Atomic Energy Commission. Murphy granted a week's delay and set a new hearing on the motion April 4.

THE BASIS of the new legal moves charging deliberate government forgery in the Rosenberg-Sobell case, is the book *Invitation to an Inquest* by Walter and Miriam Schneir (Doubleday) which concludes that not only were the defendants innocent, but that the crime they were charged with—delivery of the atom bomb secret to the Soviet Union—never took place.

Sobell is now serving the 16th year of his sentence.

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NEW PETITION GIVEN FEDERAL COURT IN N. Y.***Evidence faked, Sobell lawyers say***

By William A. Price

CHARGING THAT the government "knowingly created, contrived and used false and perjurious testimony and evidence" to send Ethel and Julius Rosenberg to the electric chair and Morton Sobell to prison for 30 years, attorneys for Sobell have launched a massive attack to release him from his 16th year of imprisonment.

The attorneys charge that a crucial piece of evidence which went unchallenged at the 1951 trial was forged and that testimony was invented to create a link between the Rosenbergs and Sobell and an international atomic spying. In U.S. District Court, Foley Square, New York, the lawyers petitioned May 13 for a hearing at which they can present demands for the reversal of Sobell's conviction, or at least a new trial.

If successful, the new legal moves could destroy one of the major pillars upon which a national Cold-War philosophy was built in the early 1950s. It would also substantiate the role of the

Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Department of Justice in fabricating evidence to support charges that alleged Communist Party members engaged in espionage for the Soviet Union — charges that had devastating political repercussions.

ONE OF THE CRITICAL items under scrutiny in the court move is the photostat of a hotel registration card measuring about 4 by 6 inches, allegedly filled out on June 3, 1945, at the Hilton Hotel, Albuquerque, N.M., by confessed atom spy Harry Gold. At the trial, the government never introduced the original card but placed in evidence, instead, a photostat which became government "Exhibit No. 16." Sobell attorneys charge that the exhibit is a "false, fraudulent and after-contrived document and not a photostat of a registration card signed by Harry Gold."

They add: "Gold did not register at the aforesaid hotel that day and no such registration card ever came into existence in the regular course of business."

The card photostat, however, the attorneys argue, was "vital" to the government's case in order to fabricate a meeting between Gold and David Greenglass, Ethel Rosenberg's brother. Proof of such a link was needed to place the entire case in the framework of an international spy conspiracy tied to Klaus Fuchs, who had confessed espionage in England.

The card photostat is one of the items whose authenticity is challenged in *Invitation to an Inquest*, by Walter and Miriam Schneir (Doubleday, 1963), in which the authors trace in detail the origin of crucial bits of evidence used against the Rosenbergs and Sobell. The Schneirs' detective work is the basis of the new court pleas.

IN ANALYSING the card photostat, the Sobell petition declares:

- The date-time stamp on the card's reverse side is for a date when Gold himself testified that he was not in Albuquerque.

- The card does not have the usual initials of FBI agents to identify it.

- During extensive pre-trial statements to his attorney, Gold never mentioned registering at the Albuquerque hotel in June, 1945, and only testified at the Rosenberg-Sobell trial that he had done so after hundreds of hours of

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W.H. interrogation, at a time when he was faced, the death penalty and when he wanted to "ingratiate" himself with government prosecutors.

* The government, by its own recent admission in correspondence with Sobell attorneys, returned the alleged original to the Albuquerque hotel where it would be destroyed prior to final appeals and disposition of a case involving the death sentence.

* The government "well knows that it is more difficult to determine and detect forgery from a photostat than from original documents."

THE STARTLING disclosure that the government had permitted the destruction of the registration card it said existed came in a Dec. 22, 1965, letter to Sobell attorney William M. Kunstler of New York from assistant U.S. Attorney General J. Walter Yeagley, who heads the Internal Security Division of the Department of Justice. The letter is part of extensive correspondence with the Justice Department and FBI chief J. Edgar Hoover in which Sobell attorneys have sought information about trial exhibits and pre-trial testimony.

In Yeagley's letter he contends that an original of the card did exist but was returned to the Hotel Hilton on Aug. 4, 1951, after the Rosenbergs and Sobell had been convicted but before final appeals were exhausted. At any point, the Sobell lawyers point out, the courts could have ordered a new trial and it is highly unusual for the government to permit destruction of evidence which might again become so vital to its own case.

In the same letter, Yeagley characterizes the Schneirs' question about the card as "baseless accusations," and adds: "We find it difficult to believe that you would seriously consider the fantastic hypothesis that the Federal Bureau of Investigation would either instigate, or be a party to, a conspiracy to manufacture or falsify evidence."

Aside from questioning the card which allegedly links Gold with the Rosenbergs and Sobell, a petition submitted to the federal district court also asks that the court order the government to make available to Sobell attorneys Gold's pretrial testimony, and authorize the attorneys to interview Gold before his release from Lewisburg, Pa., Federal penitentiary, which was scheduled for May 18.

SOBELL PETITION argues that

the government knew, in advance of the Rosenberg-Sobell trial, that Gold was "an acknowledged and proven pathological and congenital liar." At the trial, the government, nonetheless, "offered him as its main and indispensable witness, representing and vouching for his complete credibility."

"As the government well knew," the Sobell petition states, "Gold's life was such a fabrication of lies and deceptions that it was impossible even for him to determine when he was telling the truth or not."

"A graphic example of this psychotic disability," the Sobell petition states, occurred at a trial in Ohio in 1955, when Gold testified that he had "lived for a period of 18 years" that he had invented for himself a non-existent family about which he told friends and associates, and that "... that, I created this wife whom I did not have. Then there had to be children to go along with the wife, and they had to grow old, so I had to keep building one [lie] on top of the other."

At the May 18 hearing in New York, District Court Judge Marvin E. Frankel refused to authorize Sobell attorneys to take a deposition from Gold in prison, but the government attorney stipulated that if Frankel, after considering all the evidence, ordered such a deposition, it would produce Gold (who will be on probation) for interviewing.

Frankel also withheld decision on other Sobell demands, and set June 20 as a date for a hearing to determine whether a full review—which could set Sobell free—should be ordered. With Kunstler in court was attorney Marshall Perlin. **THE LATEST** court move follows the release April 4 of the controversial "Exhibit No. 8," the purported sketch of an atomic bomb which was impounded at the 1951 trial at the suggestion of the Rosenberg's defense lawyer, Emanuel Bloch. The stipulation at this earlier hearing was that the sketch could not be made available to the public. It is now being studied by physicists.

In their petition, the Sobell attorneys charge that the Rosenbergs and Sobell were convicted "unlawfully and illegally . . . in violation of the Constitution" and that despite numerous legal efforts, the conviction has never been reviewed by any court since the 1951 trial. They charge that the trial was held in an

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THE NATIONAL Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell has asked for help in its campaign to free Sobell from his 30-year prison term.

Stating that "it is the constitutional duty of the Department of Justice to assist in uncovering truth and in correcting miscarriages of justice," the committee asked that letters be sent to U.S. Attorney General Nicola Kaizerbach, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C., urging that he agree to freedom for Sobell or a hearing for a new trial.

The committee needs funds to continue its work. Contributions may be sent to the committee at 150 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y. 10015. Copies of the Sobell attorneys' petition will be sent upon request. A free copy of "Invitation to an Inquest" by Walter and Miriam Schneir will be sent upon request to any person contributing \$10 or more.

atmosphere of terror deliberately induced by the government whose representatives, both in and out of court, utilized the Korean war then being prosecuted, and the inflammatory charge against petitioner's defense attorneys that they had stolen and transmitted the alleged secret of the atom bomb to the Soviet Union, to coerce, intimidate and panic defense counsel." Defense counsel for both Sobell and the Rosenbergs, the petition argues, were thereby "coerced into abandoning an effective defense."

Among the defense errors that resulted, the petition says, were: the impounding of the alleged bomb sketch, "when the government was prepared to make the information public"; the failure to cross-examine Gold, "the government's most important witness"; Sobell's lawyer's decision that he not testify in his own defense; the public declaration by Bloch that the trial was fairly conducted when, it was, in fact, "replete with fundamental violations of due process"; and that the defense was "unable or fearful" of obtaining the aid of competent scientists to assist in cross-examination of government witnesses.

The Sobell petition concludes that the "deprivation of an effective right of counsel, as well as the knowing creation and use of false, perjorative testimony and evidence, and the suppression of other vital evidence, rendered the trial offensive to common and fundamental ideas of fairness and right, and resulted in reducing the trial to a sham."

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ROSENBERG CASE EVIDENCE A 'CARICATURE'

Physicists deride

A-trial sketch

TWO EMINENT nuclear physicists on Aug. 22 declared that the so-called sketch of a cross-section of the atomic bomb—key evidence which sent Ethel and Julius Rosenberg to their deaths—was worthless. They were highly critical of the government and the prosecution for the use that was made of this purported evidence.

The scientists were Dr. Philip Morrison, of MIT, and Dr. Henry Linschitz of Brandeis University. Both had taken part in the production and assembly of the bomb which was exploded over Nagasaki in August, 1945. Their testimony was set forth in affidavits presented to the court by attorneys seeking freedom for Morton Sobell, now beginning the 17th year of a 30-year sentence on a conviction of conspiracy to commit espionage. Sobell was tried in 1951, at the same time as the Rosenbergs.

AN AMENDED BRIEF by the defense also charged that the government had prepared a trap for Emanuel Bloch, attorney for the Rosenbergs, in connection with the sketch allegedly drawn by David Greenglass, Mrs. Rosenberg's brother, whose testimony was decisive in their conviction. The brief said that the prosecution had announced its intention to call as witnesses to support the validity of the sketch such persons as Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer and Prof. Harold C. Urey. Neither was called nor consulted. It also made much ado about conferences with the Atomic Energy Commission and the Joint Congressional Committee on Atomic Energy, all designed to impress the court, jury and defense with the enormous national interest at stake in the evidence. Sobell's

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lawyers said Bloch, in asking that the sketch and the testimony on it be impounded, had walked right into the trap.

The brief also charged the government with forging a vital hotel registration card for Harry Gold, a prosecution witness who linked Greenglass and himself with Klaus Fuchs, a British nuclear physicist sentenced to 14 years in prison in Britain for passing atomic information to the Soviet Union. Fuchs's confession has never been made available to the Sobell defense. The registration card was the only alleged link between Gold and Greenglass.

LINSCHITZ CHARGED Rosenberg trial Judge Irving Kaufman with "a misunderstanding of the nature of modern technology, a misunderstanding which in this case has had tragic consequen-

ces." He referred to Kaufman's sentenceing statement that the Rosenbergs by their alleged conduct had been responsible for 50,000 dead U.S. servicemen in Korea. Linschitz said the Greenglass information "was too incomplete, ambiguous and even incorrect to be of any service or value to the Russians." Morrison called the sketch a "caricature" of the bomb. He said: "The testimony and the drawing itself entirely omit two important spherical components of that bomb, without which it could not operate."

There was no such thing as a single "secret" to the development of the bomb even in 1941, said Linschitz. The time of the alleged passing of information was 1945. Linschitz said: "It is not possible in any technologically useful way to condense the results of a \$2 billion development effort into a diagram, drawn by a high school graduate machinist on a single sheet of paper."

Both scientists said that John A. Derry, an electrical engineer called by the prosecution to verify the Greenglass sketch, was thoroughly unqualified. The defense said that the government knew Derry was not qualified and used him deliberately. Morrison said that if Derry had seen the bomb, as he testified, he would have discredited the sketch.

The Sobell brief charged that the entire Rosenberg-Sobell case was a frame-up, that the government had knowingly used perjured testimony and had caused Gold to change his testimony. The government has two weeks to reply. Oral argument is scheduled for Sept. 12 in federal court in New York on the matter of a full hearing for Sobell.

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The Rosenberg case today

THE CONTROVERSIAL SKETCH (right) of an alleged cross-section of the atomic bomb, precisely as it figured in the trial of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg in 1951, was released by a federal court judge in New York Aug. 4. Along with the sketch was the testimony of David Greenglass, the purported author of the drawing.

It will remain for scientific experts to determine the significance of the sketch—specifically for Philip Morrison of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Henry Linschitz of Brandeis University, who were intimately involved in the assembly of the first U.S. bombs—but enough evidence has been submitted in the last 15 years to prove that the Russians knew all they needed to know about the atomic bomb without any assist from an alleged U.S. espionage agent. And whatever was disclosed in the Greenglass sketch—if he did make the sketch—had already been published in the U.S. long before the trial of the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell.

The basic issue on the sketch, as the Sobell defense has insisted, is not whether any part of the drawing is false or meaningless, but whether, as the government contended in 1951 at the trial of the Rosenbergs and still contends today, it was in fact a sketch of a cross-section of the atomic bomb. The defense says it was not, and therefore the Rosenbergs and Sobell could not have been guilty, as charged, of a conspiracy to turn over to the Russians a sketch of a cross-section of the bomb.

IF THIS CONTENTION is proved—as this writer firmly believes it will be—the charge of Judge Irving Kaufman, who sentenced the Rosenbergs to death and Sobell to 30 years in prison, becomes even more ghoulish. Kaufman said in sentencing the Rosenbergs that their alleged action had paved the way for the war in Korea and was responsible for the death of thousands of American soldiers. It is conceivable that the hearings on the petition for a new trial for Sobell, expected within a month, may bring to light evidence which would tarnish the whole investigative and judicial apparatus of the U.S. government and brand it as an arm of U.S. policy without regard for honest inquiry and impartial justice.

It has been the contention of the GUARDIAN from the beginning of its own investigation in August, 1951, after the trial and the sentence, that the Rosenberg-Sobell case was a political case from the beginning; that it was conducted in an atmosphere of national anti-communist hysteria which made calm reason impossible, and that the guilty verdict was a forgone conclusion.

Whether the making public of the Greenglass sketch at the trial would have affected the outcome of the case, it is difficult to say from the hindsight of 15 years. What must be said, as attorney Emanuel Bloch himself conceded, according to physicist Morrison, was

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their defense request to seal the sketch at the time of the trial was a grievous error which gave the government important ammunition it would not otherwise have had. This is a point which Irwin Edelman (see GUARDIAN, June 18), a dogged crusader for justice in the Rosenberg case, has stressed since he read the transcript of the trial in 1951. It was he whose last minute intervention (presented by attorneys Pyke Farmer and Daniel Marshall) caused Supreme Court Justice Douglas to seek to stay the execution.

But even here the political nature of the case was apparent when Chief Justice Vinson summoned the entire court to overrule Douglas. It is a little-appreciated fact that the Supreme Court has never reviewed the issues in the Rosenberg-Sobell case.

FOR A NEW GENERATION It is difficult to re-assemble in brief form this most complicated case in a most frightening time. But it is important that the significance of the case—and a possible reversal of the verdict against Morton Sobell—be interpreted for this new generation.

For this writer, the involvement of the GUARDIAN in the Rosenberg-Sobell case in the two years preceding the execution of the Rosenbergs holds vivid memories which at times achieve the quality of a living nightmare. My colleagues Cedric Belfrage, now in exile in Mexico, and the late John T. McManus, and I became intimately involved in the effort to save the Rosenbergs as the result of our decision to lay the case open for public examination in August, 1951. It was this series of articles, by special correspondent William A. Reuben, which launched a world-wide crusade in behalf of the Rosenbergs and Sobell.

In acknowledgement of the GUARDIAN's willingness to take up the case, when almost no one else in the nation dared to become involved, attorney Bloch spent endless hours with us, questioning his own judgment and handling the case, and detailing the heartbreaking loneliness

and frustration that marked his efforts to help clients. For my part, I shall never forget the time I heard the whole story, as related by Bloch, in the presence of a newspaper colleague who had come to ask what we might as working newspapermen do in the name of justice. It was in the early summer of 1951. I returned alone to the office, told the story to Belfrage and McManus. We agreed without a dissenting word that the GUARDIAN had to take up the case.

EVEN THEN, IT WAS A RARE person who would associate himself with Bloch even to the extent of private counsel. No scientist consulted on the evidence—and there were indeed few, of those who would give his name. No political group would speak up. No public figure dared to cry "amen." The name and the methods of Joe McCarthy, with the tacit approval of the Truman and Eisenhower administrations—were becoming the law of the land. U.S. intervention in the Korean war was mounting steadily, and opposition to the war again the GUARDIAN was in a dissenting role, was being equated with treason.

This is the atmosphere which a new generation must appreciate when it examines the conduct of the case and passes judgment on the decisions by the defense in the case. Only Bloch, in the grim hostility of the courtroom and on the basis of an immediate evaluation of the effect of his motion to seal the Greenglass sketch, could answer for his action, and he is no longer here to answer. As a contemporary and a confidant after the fact, I can only urge a compassionate judgment of a human being who literally burned out the life in behalf of the human beings he sought to save.

There is no question that the GUARDIAN's involvement in the case was in large measure responsible for the deportation action brought against Belfrage in 1953, one month before the execution of the Rosenbergs. In May of that year, he and I were summoned before the McCarthy committee. The Rosenbergs were the subject of the mainstay of the committee's

~~Washington~~ session attended—at the command of McCarthy—by the chairman of the Subversive Aliens Branch, Investigations Division, U.S. Immigration & Naturalization Service. It was Sen. Stuart Symington, the leader of the loyal Democrats on the McCarthy Committee, who put to me questions as to the fairness of the Rosenberg trial. He demanded a Yes-or-No answer. When I demurred and sought to discuss the case, he cut me off sharply and I was released from the stand. The rage of frustration remains.

The day after we returned to New York, as we sat in our office, the entire staff gathered around to hear the story of the sessions, agents of the Immigration Service came to pick Belfrage up.

BUT THE WHOLE EPISODE goes far beyond the fact of a bitter personal experience, however

~~denouncing~~ and glorifying it was to be a part of the great crusade that sought to ~~convict~~ innocent persons from judicial murder.

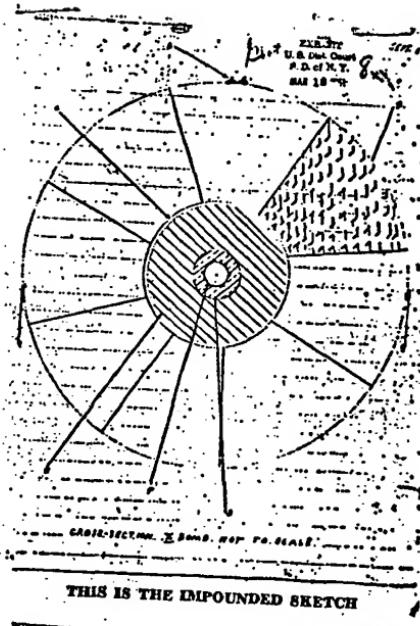
The Rosenbergs were used as an instrument of U.S. policy for justifying the wicked U.S. war in Korea. They were used as an instrument of hate directed against the Soviet Union at the peak of the Cold War, just as new victims will be found to be used against China today. They were used to frighten an entire generation into silence, as the government and the press blazoned the McCarthy charges in page one headlines and buried or ignored the proven fraud of the accusations and the suffering of the victims. They were used, in the last analysis, to enshrine the methods and the ends of McCarthyism—in quieter and subtler ways, of course—in a calculated program to file protest against new adventures in imperialistic policy—in Cuba, the Congo, in Latin America and ultimately in Vietnam.

1. This is the lesson for a new generation. History is continuity. It does not begin and end abruptly, for all its twists and turns. The Rosenberg-Sobell case has meaning for the American people and particularly for the young radicals. Just as the case of Tom Mooney has for American labor; as the case of Sacco and Vanzetti has for the foreign born and the right of political dissent; as the case of the Scottsboro Boys and the murders of young Chaney, Goodman and Schwermer in Mississippi have for the black people of America.

If Morton Sobell is vindicated in this never-yielding assertion of innocence, then the truth, the miscarriage of justice and the ugliness of the murder of the Rosenbergs will be laid bare, with all the machinations of the governmental apparatus in the making of the murder and the reasons why.

This is the significance of the perseverance of the fight to secure a posthumous justice for Ethel and Julius Rosenberg and a living justice for Morton Sobell.

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SEALED SKETCH IS THE KEY

Sobell new-trial plea takes a dramatic turn

HERE WERE SEVERAL dramatic turns of events in the last week of July as the result of actions taken by attorneys seeking a new trial for Morton Sobell, who is serving a 30-year term on a conviction of conspiracy to commit espionage in connection with atomic secrets.

Marshall Perlin, a Sobell lawyer, charged that the sketch purportedly made by David Greenglass—key evidence which helped to send Ethel and Julius



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Rosenberg to their deaths—was "completely false" and that he would produce two scientists "intimately involved" in the production of the atomic bomb who would so testify. The sketch is of an alleged cross-section of the bomb.

Federal Judge Edmund L. Palmieri at a closed hearing sealed the sketch at the request of the government and over ~~numerous~~ other objections of the ~~Sever~~ ~~Sev~~

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fense. The government made its move on the ground of national security, although the Atomic Energy Commission, according to the defense, maintains that the sketch is "declassified" information.

In a seeming shift of attitude, Judge Palmieri set a hearing for Aug. 3 at which time he said he would not accept representations from the U.S. government that the sketch should stay sealed in the interest of security, but would insist on factual evidence to support its position. At the Aug. 3 session, which will be open, a constitutional question will be argued: whether the government has the right to insist on closed sessions in the face of a defendant's insistence on an open hearing.

PERLIN MADE his charges on the sketch as he presented a motion to amend the defense papers in support of a new trial for Sobell. The motion was granted, over government objections, by federal Judge David N. Edelstein. The amended complaint is to be filed Aug. 8. Perlin said that the government knew that the testimony at the original trial in 1951 by Greenglass, Mrs. Rosenberg's

brother, and an electrical engineer AEC's position makes it crystal clear that there is nothing secret about it. The government waives by this device to immune us from proceeding and getting additional witnesses to establish clearly that every bit of material is either false or of public knowledge."

The original brief for a new trial is based largely on information contained in the book *Invitation to an Inquest*, by Miriam and Walter Schneir, which lays out a case that the FBI had forged another vital piece of evidence—a hotel registration card which the government contended in the original trial linked Harry Gold, a principal government witness, with Julius Rosenberg. The card was for a hotel in Albuquerque, N.M. The FBI has refused to comment on the charge.

THE CELEBRATED SKETCH of the bomb was impounded at the 1951 trial at the request of the Rosenbergs' attorney, Emanuel Bloch, now dead. The move has come to be acknowledged as a serious error that added weight to the sketch evidence, although the defense at the Rosenberg trial established that Greenglass was incompetent to produce such a complicated drawing, even if he had access to such classified material. Greenglass was admittedly a person of severely limited education.

The sketch had remained sealed from the time of the trial in 1951 until April, 1966, when it was made available to Sobell's attorneys to prepare their case. It was then returned to the court. Then the government moved to re-seal it. The reasons for its zealous efforts to keep the evidence from public view was underscored by the *New York Times* reporter Sidney Zion July 28. He wrote:

"If the court permits a hearing and Mr. Perlin produces the proof he has promised, the effects could be dramatic. If the charges are substantiated it would seriously undermine the integrity of those who handled the prosecution of the Rosenberg case."

PERLIN SAID THAT the Justice Department "has no jurisdiction ~~as~~ ^{over} what is secret information. The

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50th Birthday Meeting

Hear Nobel Scientist

DR. HAROLD C. UREY

"The Rosenberg-Sobell trial has troubled me for a long time. I do not believe that any of these people were guilty of the crimes charged against them."

Hear Atomic Scientist

DR. PHILIP MORRISON

"... I assisted also in the assembly of the atomic bomb that was flown and dropped on Nagasaki ... The entire testimony of Greenglass ... is both qualitatively and quantitatively incorrect and misleading."

Hear RABBI J. J. WEINSTEIN

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